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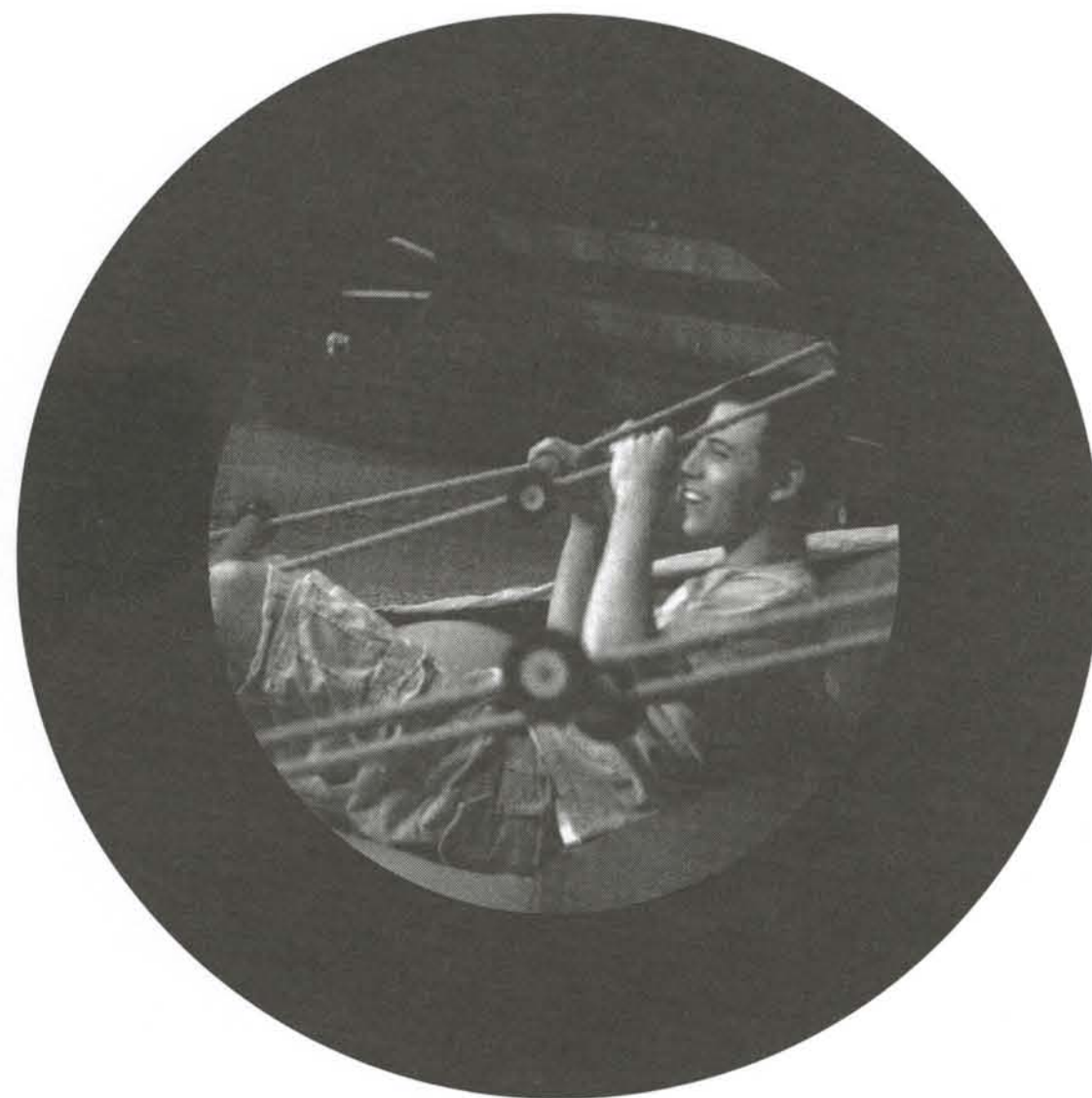


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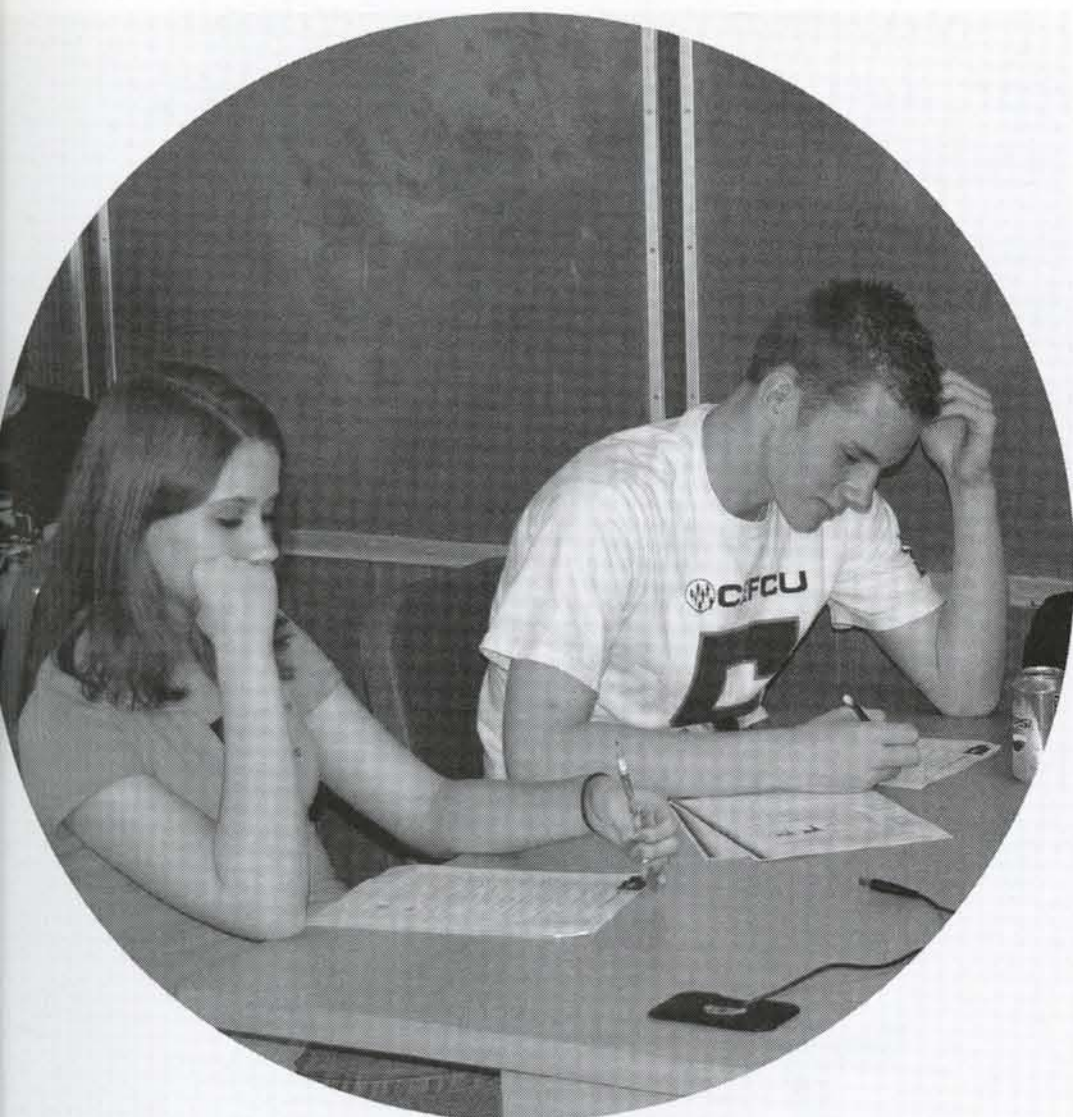
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# UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL



Whether it's new additions to the U-High teaching staff, a new library set up, or the laptop labs, there's only one word to sum up the 2007-2008 school year: Refreshing. When we were at camp, my editors and I decided that we wanted to change everything about the way yearbook was run. We wanted a new layout for our pages, a new system for editing pages, and, most importantly, we wanted to make a lasting record of our senior year at U-High.

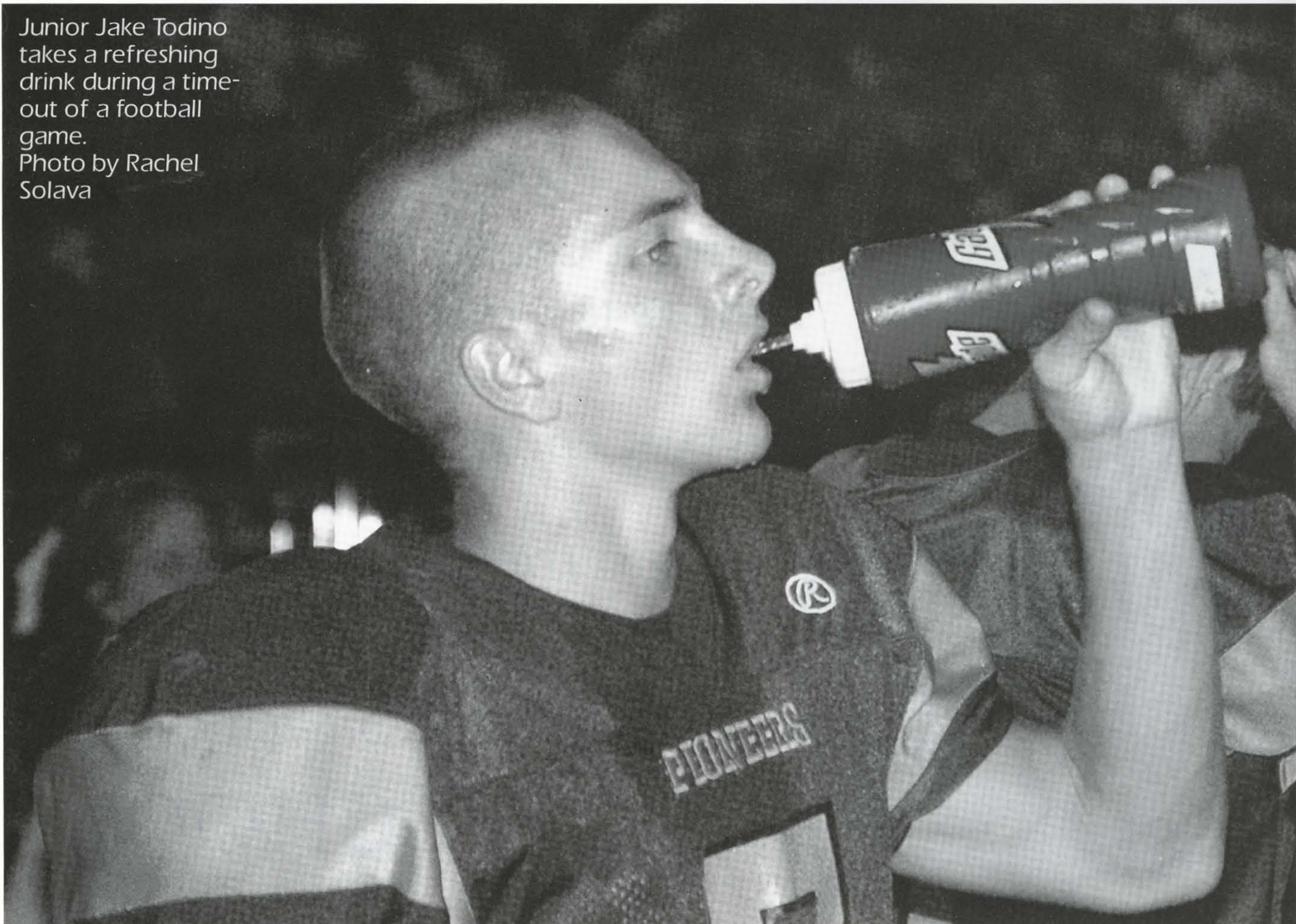
We started bouncing ideas off of each other and decided on Refresh. Since the instigation of the laptops into the classroom, many of the courses offered at U-High rely on technology. We wanted to use the Refresh symbol as a motif that stretched through the entire book to solidify our theme, both in a literal and metaphorical sense. We used circular photos to add variety to the stale layouts we have used in the past.

Refresh starts and ends with every U-High student. When you look back on this book in twenty years, we want you remember the good times, the bad ones, and everything in between.

By Alex Kraft

# Refresh

Junior Jake Todino takes a refreshing drink during a time-out of a football game.  
Photo by Rachel Solava





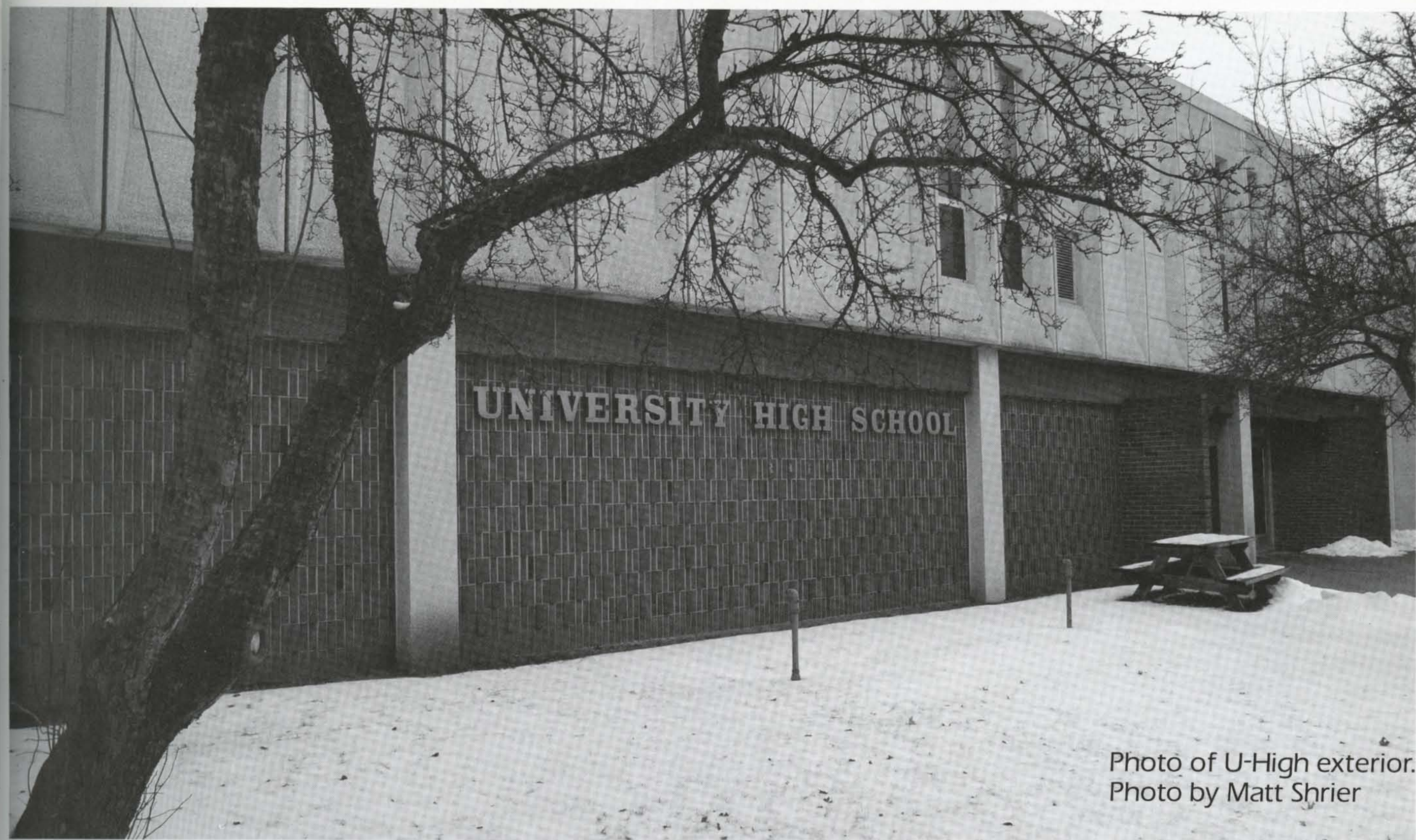
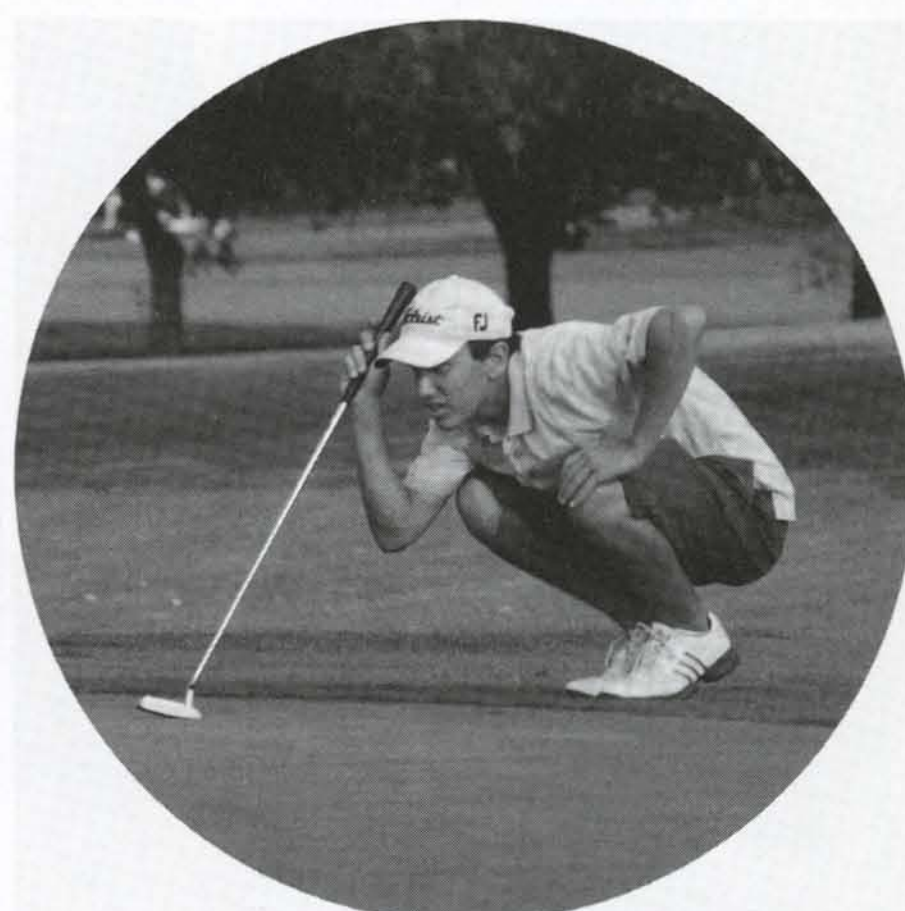
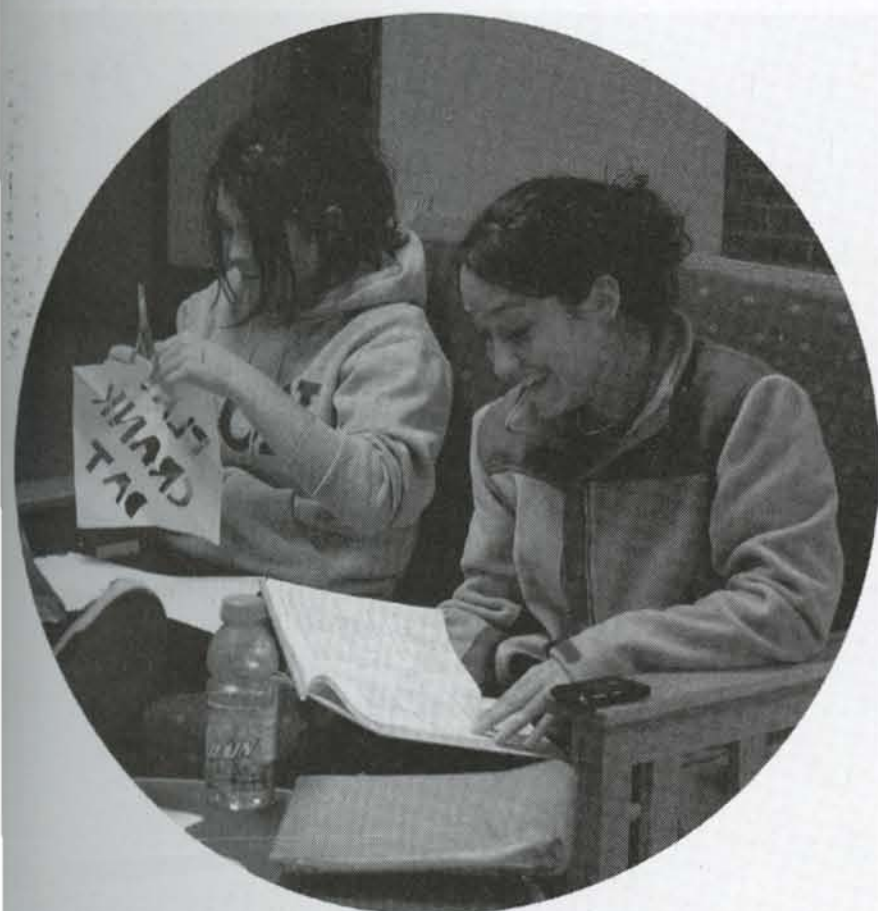
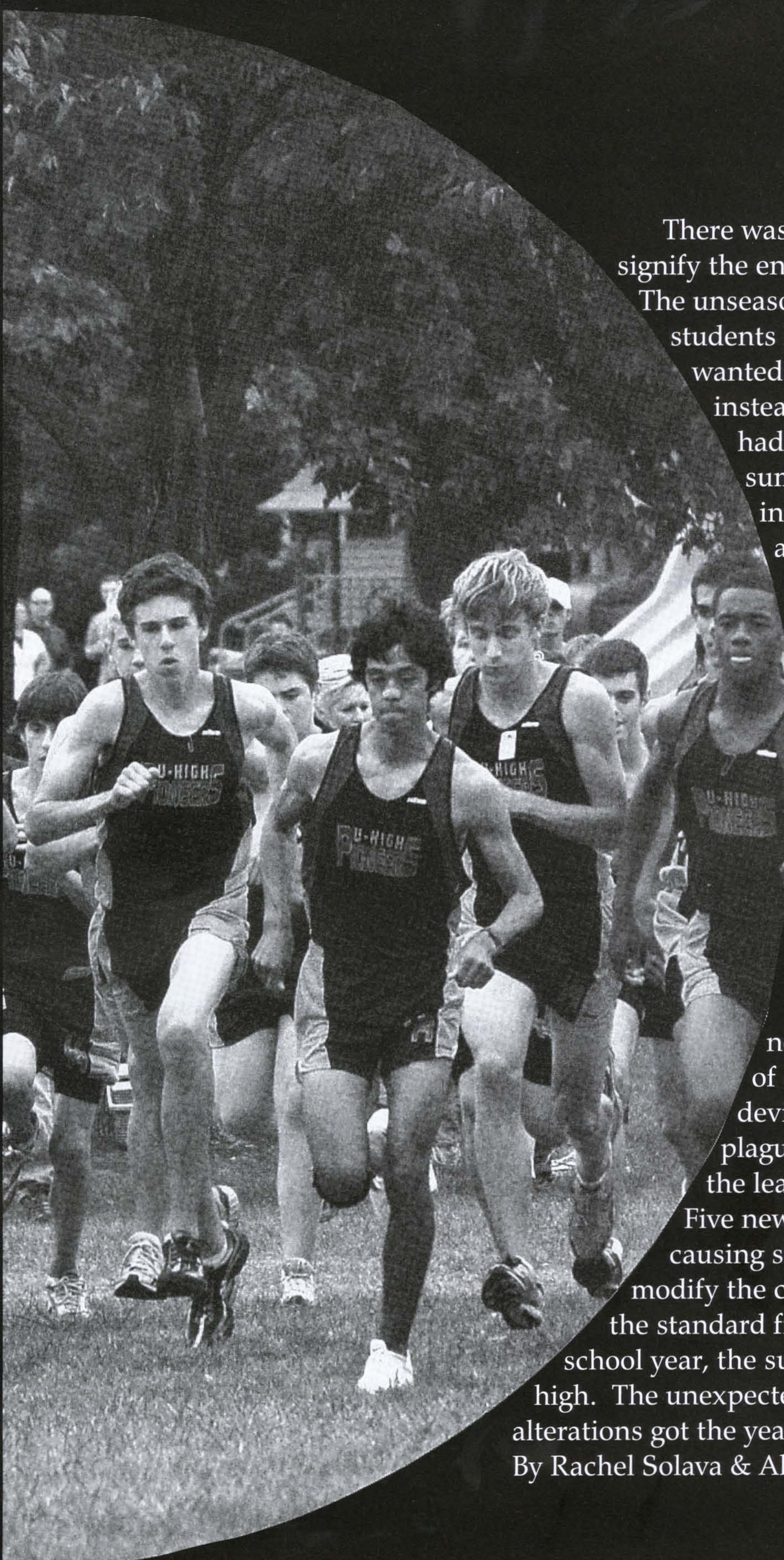


Photo of U-High exterior.  
Photo by Matt Shrier



# Clarion 2008





There was no dramatic change in weather to signify the end of summer and beginning of fall. The unseasonably warm weather kept the students in a summer mindset. They wanted to be out enjoying the weather instead of sitting in a classroom, but had to be taken away from their summer-like dreams and dragged into the reality of home-work, tests, and practices.

Football players benefitted from the weather and new field while making their way to the play-offs. The warm temperatures also inspired both golf teams to continue on their state winning streaks. While the athletes were outside excelling, teachers and new counselors were trapped inside adapting to new software and technology.

Adding to the stress of a new school year was the aggravation of dealing with foreign teaching devices. New technological problems plagued classrooms and complicated the learning environment even further. Five new laptop classrooms were added, causing students and teachers alike to modify the classroom dynamics. Through all the standard frustration triggered by a new school year, the summer like conditions kept spirits high. The unexpected football victories and classroom alterations got the year off to a refreshing start.

By Rachel Solava & Alyssa Humphreys



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"At first, when I realized I had won, I had no reaction, but after I walked into the crowd and realized that I didn't have to change myself to have what it takes to be homecoming king, I felt extremely happy." Senior John Cooper

# Getting the Crown

By: Madeline Andre

It shines with almost an out of this world glow. This piece of crystal adorned plastic is something only a true Queen could don. It symbolizes high school royalty and its wearer is the envy of every high school senior girl, and senior John Cooper.

"I just kept on thinking 'I better have that crown'," Cooper said.

With a rock in his stomach, weak knees, and fear in his heart, Cooper stood on the field during halftime of the homecoming football game, waiting for the name of this year's homecoming king to be announced. After a moment of anticipation, Cooper was crowned along with senior Angie Ostaszewski, sending the crowd into an explosion of thunderous applause.

"At first, when I realized I had won, I had no reaction, but after I walked into the crowd and realized that I didn't have to change myself to have what it takes to be homecoming king, I felt extremely happy," Cooper said.

Homecoming court is usually a light-hearted affair, but Cooper feels it symbolizes more than just popularity at the school. He said he feels that the homecoming king should represent the school in a healthy way. While many schools see homecoming royalty as symbols of popularity, more often than not, active and well-liked students are nominated for this honor.

Ever since his senior year started, Cooper had been trying his hardest to make his name known throughout the school. He talked to underclassmen he wouldn't usually talk to, and introduced himself to people he didn't know. He felt winning homecoming king should be about more than just popularity, but still campaigned to help his chances of being elected.

Though he didn't start campaigning until after he was voted onto court, he felt his involvement in theater and chorus helped his

nomination.

"I had always been a reject, and I really just wanted the school to accept me," Cooper said.

Not only was Cooper trying to develop popularity, but he was running against his best friend, senior Matt Skibo. Unlike Cooper, Skibo did not campaign in the weeks preceding the elections.

Cooper felt that even if he didn't win, he would have been just as happy if Skibo would have won.

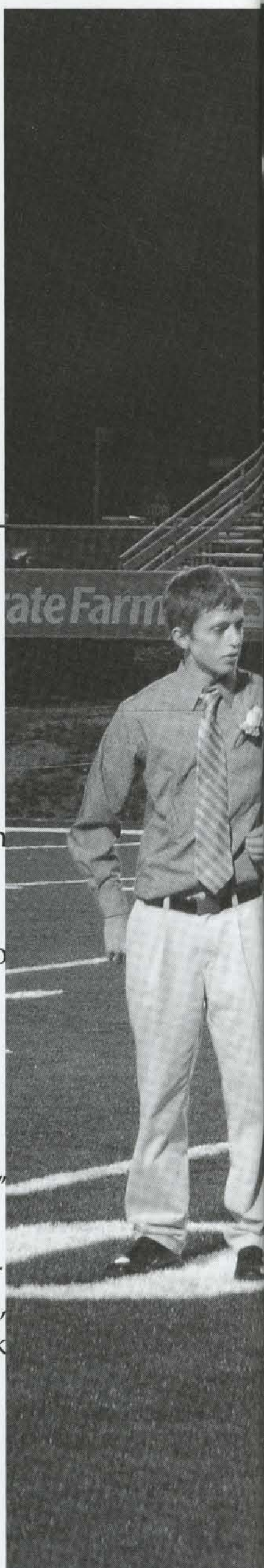
"I felt that Matt would have represented the school just as well," Cooper said. "I was proud to win king, but not proud because he didn't."

Skibo was happy that Cooper had won, but felt concerned about the amount of effort he put into campaigning. Cooper was the only candidate who actually took the time and initiative to campaign for more votes, which led to conflict between the friends.

"It just felt like John took it too far, and that no one else really had a chance from the beginning," Skibo said.

Although both Cooper and Skibo had different opinions on how the title of king should be won, they both supported each other throughout the week of homecoming, and promised to be supportive of whoever won, even if it wasn't one of them.

"I was behind him all the way," Cooper said. "Winning was great, but having the support of my friends was fabulous!"

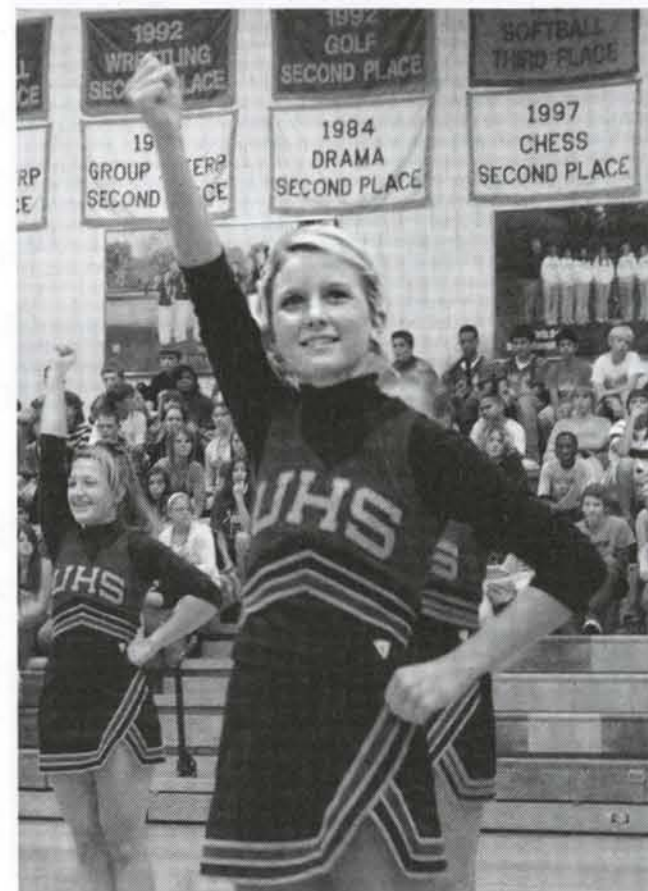
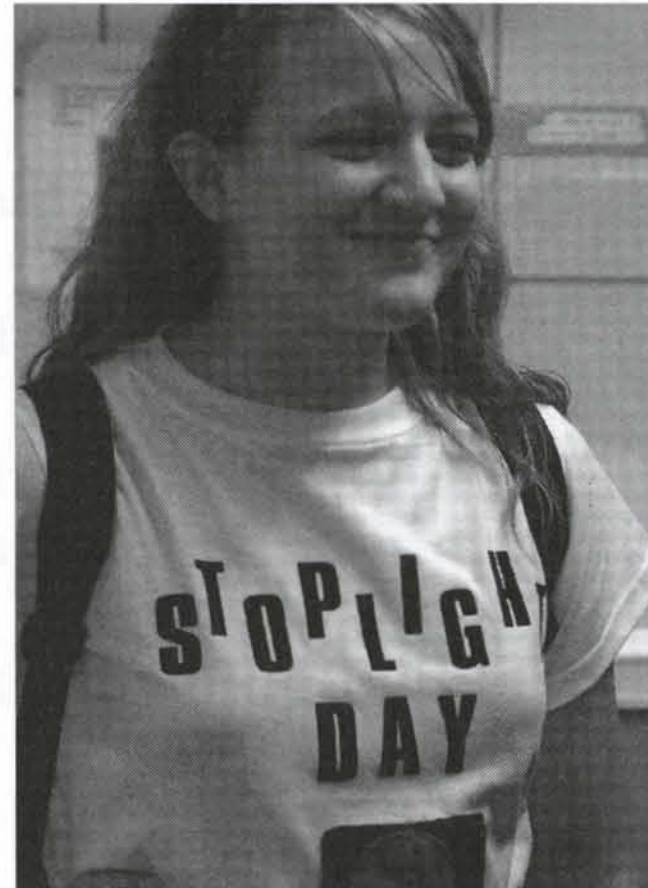






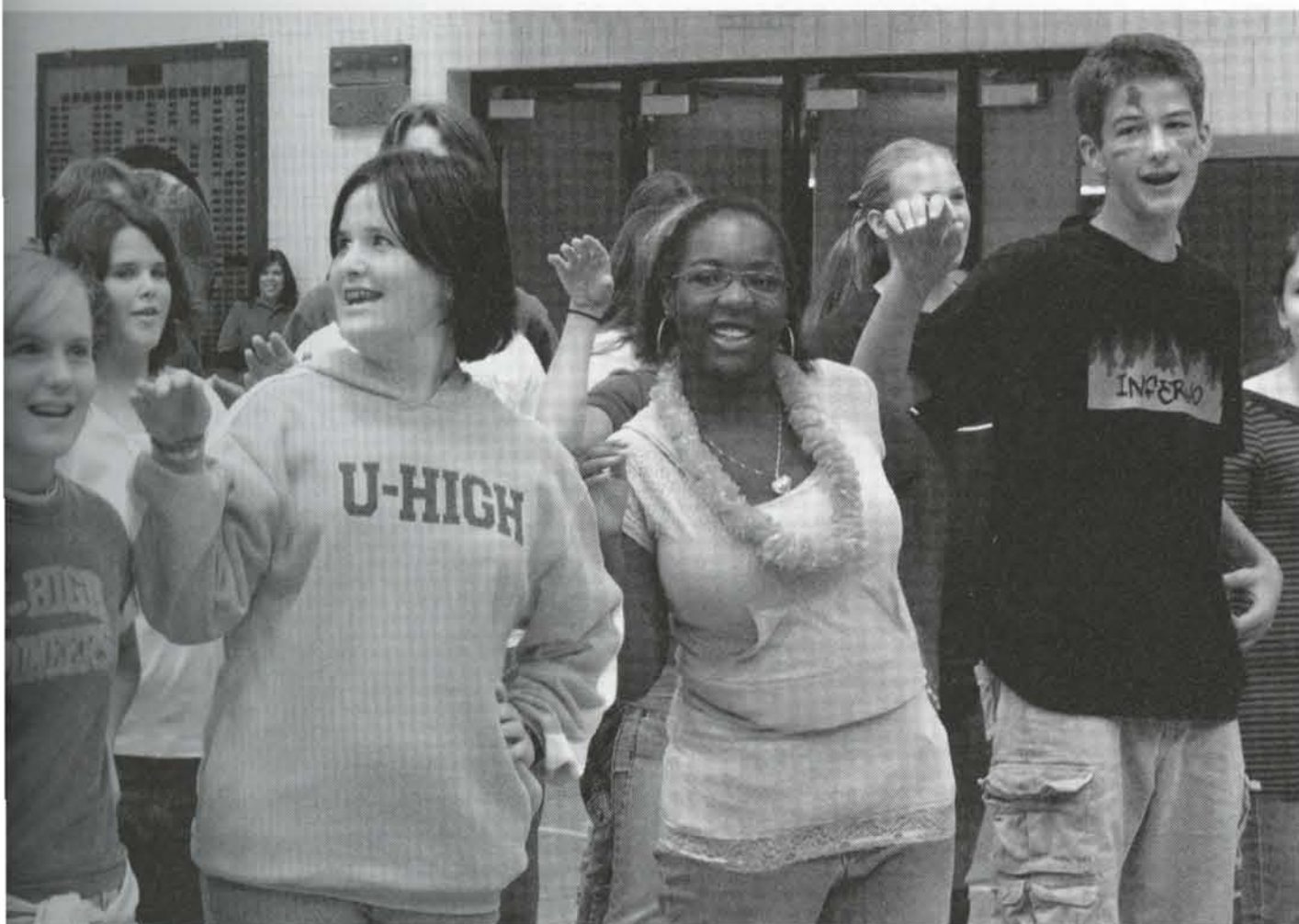
Left: Seniors John Cooper and Angie Ostaszewski show their excitement as they are announced homecoming king and queen. Photo by Lindsey Butorac.

Below: Junior Anneke Schweers shows her school spirit on stoplight day. Photo by Madeline Andre.



Above: Junior Allie Maher preforms a cheer at the homecoming pep rally. Photo by Rachel Solava.

Left: Freshmen sing and dance to "I'm a Little Tea Pot" at the homecoming pep rally. Photo by Rachel Solava.



A main concern among U-High students who went to the homecoming dance was the selection of music played.

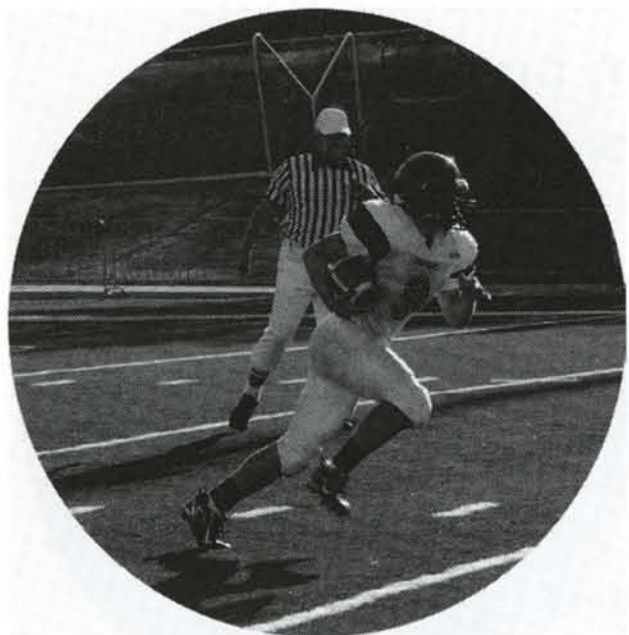
Assistant Principal Steve Wilder acknowledged that students want to have music they like but some of it is just not appropriate for school.

"Good music means more people at dances and since a school dance is a social gathering we should want as many people attending as possible," senior class president Liz Phipps said.

Wilder described U-High's homecoming as having more flexibility due to the DJ and having new popular songs that everyone can enjoy.

By: Kate Tannura





Right: Junior Mike Dopson makes a tackle during the intercity game against Central Catholic.  
Photo by Matt Shrier.

Below: Senior Scott Blair blocks a Central Catholic player during the intercity game.  
Photo by Matt Shrier.



The tenacious Pioneer defense held their opponent, Sherrard, the entire first half of the homecoming game. The Pioneers finally got on the board seconds away from halftime. Fireworks erupted in the end zone, catching the crowd off guard.

"After the first touchdown, the team had great spirits," senior Ben Hall said. "It really broke the ice and set us off for the rest of the game."

The night came to a close with a 14-0 victory and a magnificent firework display for the sesquicentennial of ISU and U-High.

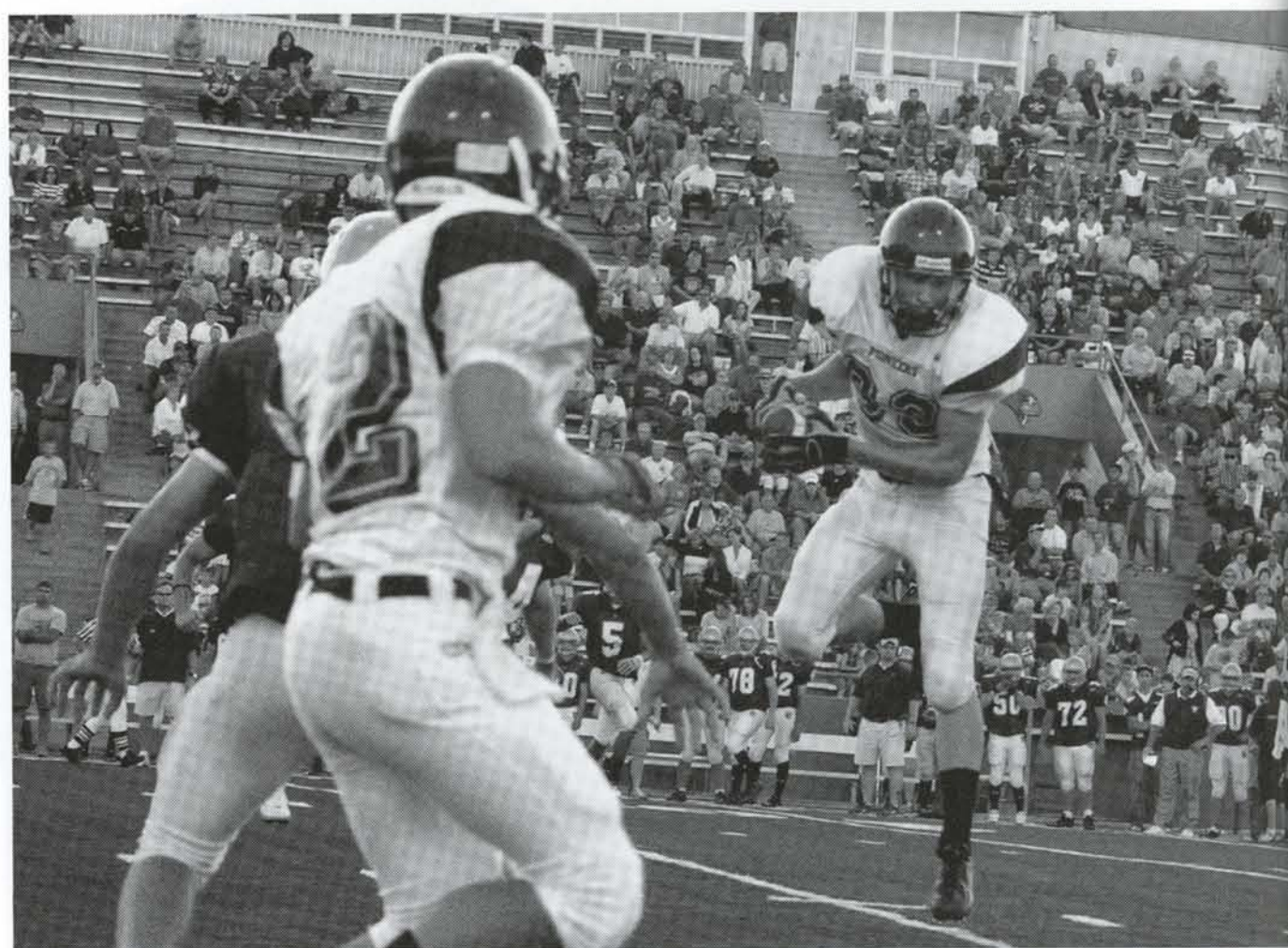
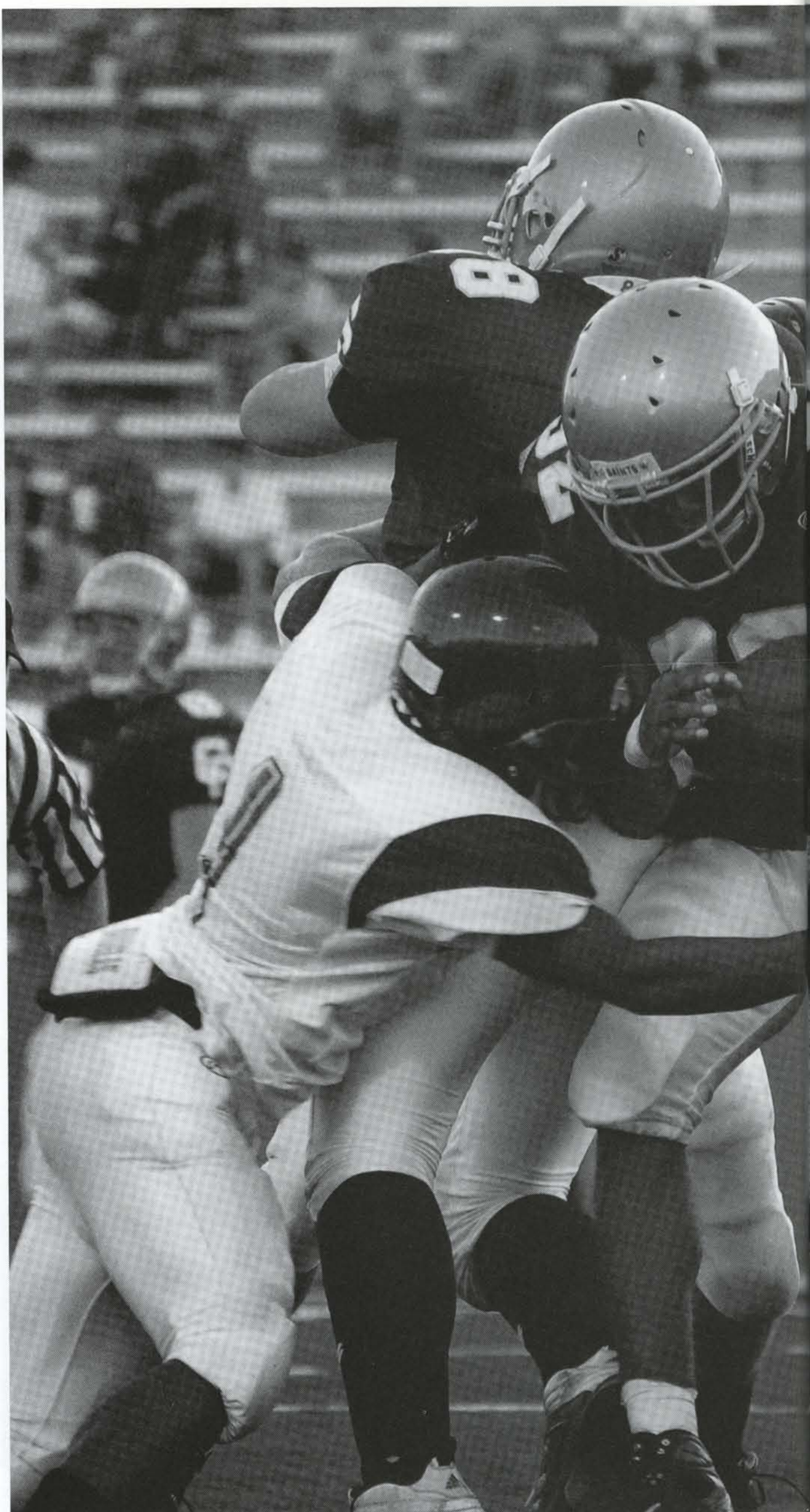
"I think this game proved that football can be good at U-High," coach Eric Lyons said. "If we play the way we can, we're tough to beat."

By: Alex Auer



Above: Senior Joe Waropay listens to the play called before rushing out on to the field.  
Photo by Matt Shrier.

Left: Senior Ben Hall receives a pass in midair.  
Photo by Matt Shrier.





"We really made a huge effort to win. Smashing Peoria Woodruff was a sweet success." Senior Sean Hastings

# Plowing into the Playoffs

By: Derek Dauenbaugh

Senior Chris Ashley's Honda Accord is a blur of silver as it weaves through the golden cornfields surrounding Peoria. He and three of his friends enter the city with anticipation for the first round of the IHSA Playoffs.

Ashley was one of many U-High students who traveled to Peoria to show their support for the Pioneers as they entered their first playoff game since 2003.

"Traveling was totally worth it," Ashley said. "I bleed green and gold, I would have gone to Arkansas to see our boys pummel Peoria Woodruff."

The U-High Pioneers were set to face off with 7-2 Peoria Woodruff. Starting junior quarterback Jake Todino said the team was focused all week at practice and used animosity for the opposing coach to help them to victory.

Peoria Woodruff coach Tim Thornton was quoted in The Peoria Journal Star saying he couldn't have drawn the pairing

up any better himself.

"It was a real slap in the face to our whole team," Todino said.

The U-High coaches posted this insulting article inside of the boys' locker room in hopes that it would motivate them in the coming game.

The Pioneers used a stifling defense, forcing two turnovers and holding Woodruff to a mere 188 yards of total offense. Complimenting that with the strong running of senior tailback Sean Hastings, the Pioneers cruised to victory.

Hastings outgained the entire Woodruff offense with 237 rushing yards and scored all three Pioneer touchdowns.

"We really made a huge effort to win," Hastings said. "Smashing Peoria Woodruff was a sweet success. I was really pleased with my performance."

Senior Mika Tanaka, who attended the game, said Hastings was great, but attributes the Pioneers' success to the offensive line.

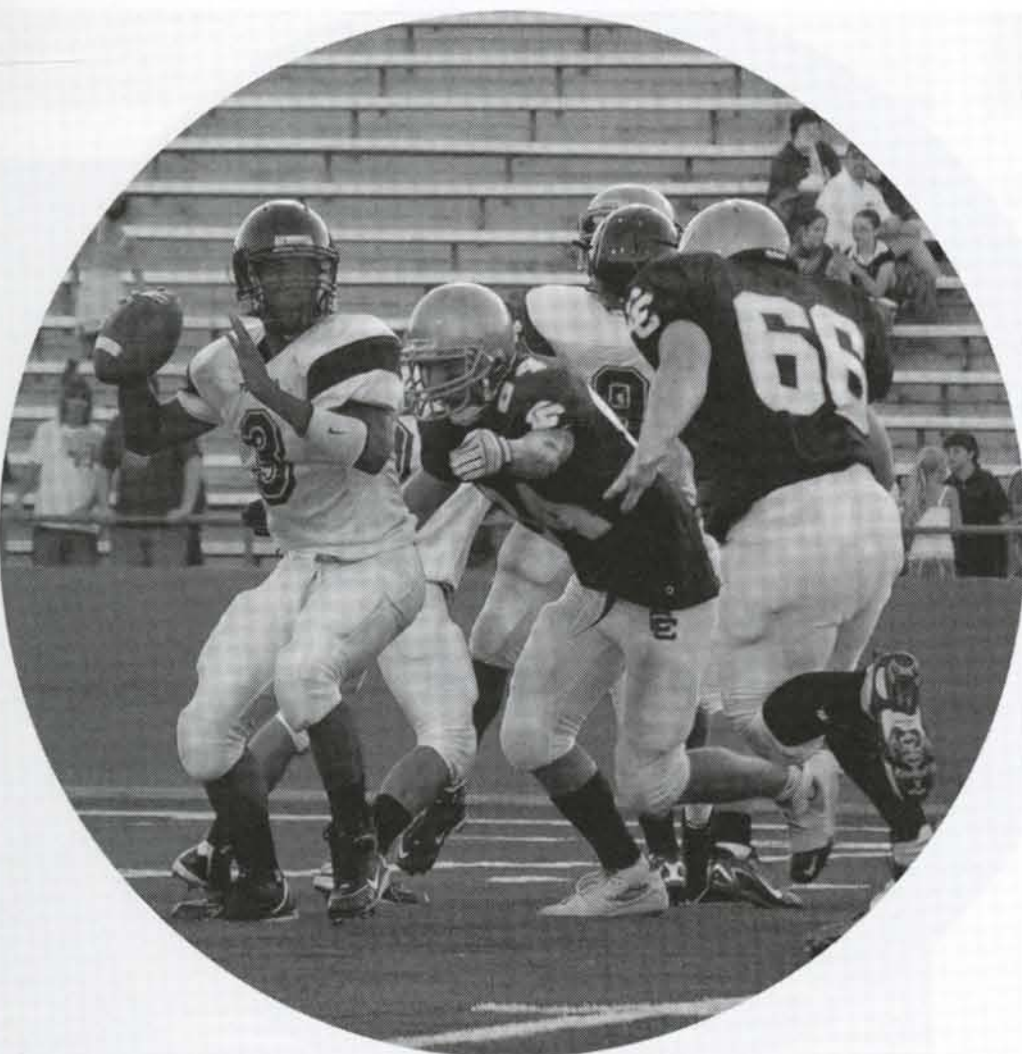
"I've got to say the line did a great job of opening holes and giving him the chance to make great plays," Tanaka said.

She was also impressed with the fan support at the game.

"Usually U-High isn't known for its great fans, but we may be changing that," she said.

Todino said a good crowd could really affect the outcome of a game. It provides the team with a great moral boost to see their classmates cheering them on.

This was the first time since 1995 that the U-High Pioneer football team had won a play-off game, advancing them to the second round of the IHSA Playoffs. The team ended their outstanding season on a high note, leaving the Pioneer fans cheering.





"We share the love of marching band and desire to improve all the time. The hours of hard work went by faster because we got along and had fun." Senior Hannah Lebovitz

# Leading the Beat

By: Sara Idleman

With the loss of 27 seniors, band director Jason Landes admits he had a tough decision in choosing who would be the drum majors for this year's marching band season.

"We have a lot of musical talent, but it's a hard thing to lead your own peers," Landes said.

The grueling audition process included conducting two scales and a song in front of the band, coming up with their own routine, writing a paper about their strengths and weakness, and why they should be drum major. Seniors Daniel Grieco, Hannah Lebovitz, and Rachel Vazquez were chosen last year to be year's drum majors.

That summer the three headed off for training at the Smith-Walbridge Drum Major Clinics in Charleston, IL.

The ability to intermix work with play is one strategy the camp uses to teach high school drum majors all it takes to conduct and lead a marching band.

Each morning started at 6a.m. when the kids would clock in ten hours of drilling, conducting, and classes before the day was done.

"The intensity at drum major camp is very high because the kids who are there want to be there, and they are hard-core in everything they do," Grieco said.

After a hard day on the field, the drum majors had the opportunity to participate in activities such as a talent show, a dance, the moon-light serenade, and a swing dance competition.

"We share the love of marching band and desire to improve all the time. The hours of hard work went by faster because we got along and had fun," Lebovitz said.

The last night of camp was one the three are not likely to ever forget. The glow of 287 candles illuminated the night as the boys from camp serenaded the girls in the stair case up above. Although this gesture may not have any direct correlation to marching band, it was definitely a touching moment for the senior

drum majors.

"It's something old fashion in an age where we don't have that anymore," Lebovitz said.

The three drum majors returned to U-High with the new found confidence and motivation needed to start a very successful marching band season.

"At drum major camp, we were in an amazing, talented group for a week. That really motivated us to make our band better because we wanted to get closer to that level of intensity," Lebovitz said.

Landes could definitely see all the hard work the three put in over the summer and was pleased they were taking their leadership roles so seriously.

The band started their season with a bang by taking home six trophies at their very first competition. The drum majors accredited much of their success to their experiences at camp.

"We took certain traditions from camp," Grieco said. "We always tape our gloves on to prevent them from slipping down and we do a special victory dance after each performance."

The friendship that blossomed during drum major camp had a big effect on the overall season. Their tight group synergy helped eliminate any extra drama and made rehearsals more enjoyable.

"The season made me want to be in band forever," Lebovitz said.

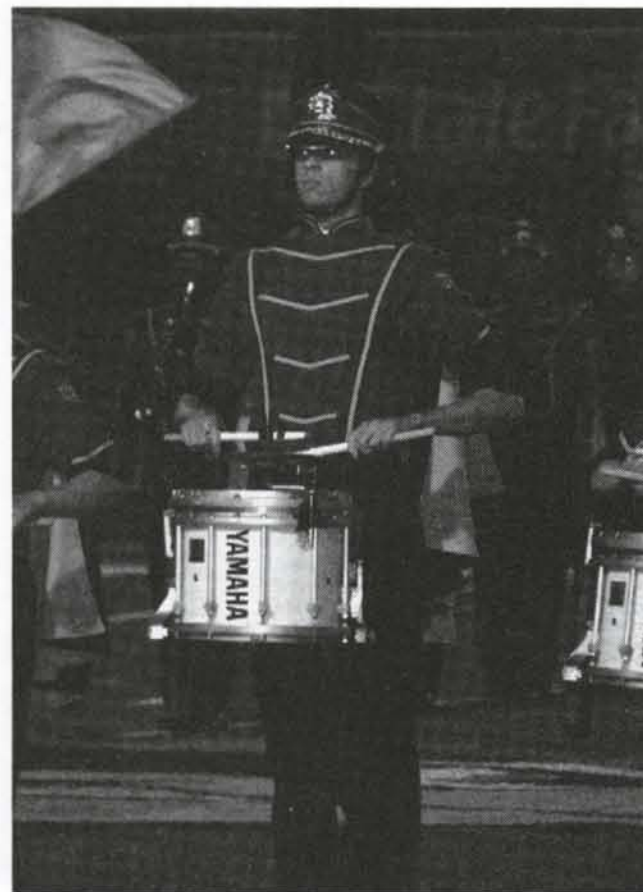






Left: Senior drum majors lead the U-High marching Pioneers off the field with confidence.  
Photo by Rachel Solava.

Below: Senior Quinn Wilson performs with the drum line.  
Photo by Rachel Solava.



Whether it's scalding hot or freezing cold, every member of marching band has a commitment to fill. Every day, members of marching band practice their routines during their 1p.m. class period to try to perform in perfect unison.

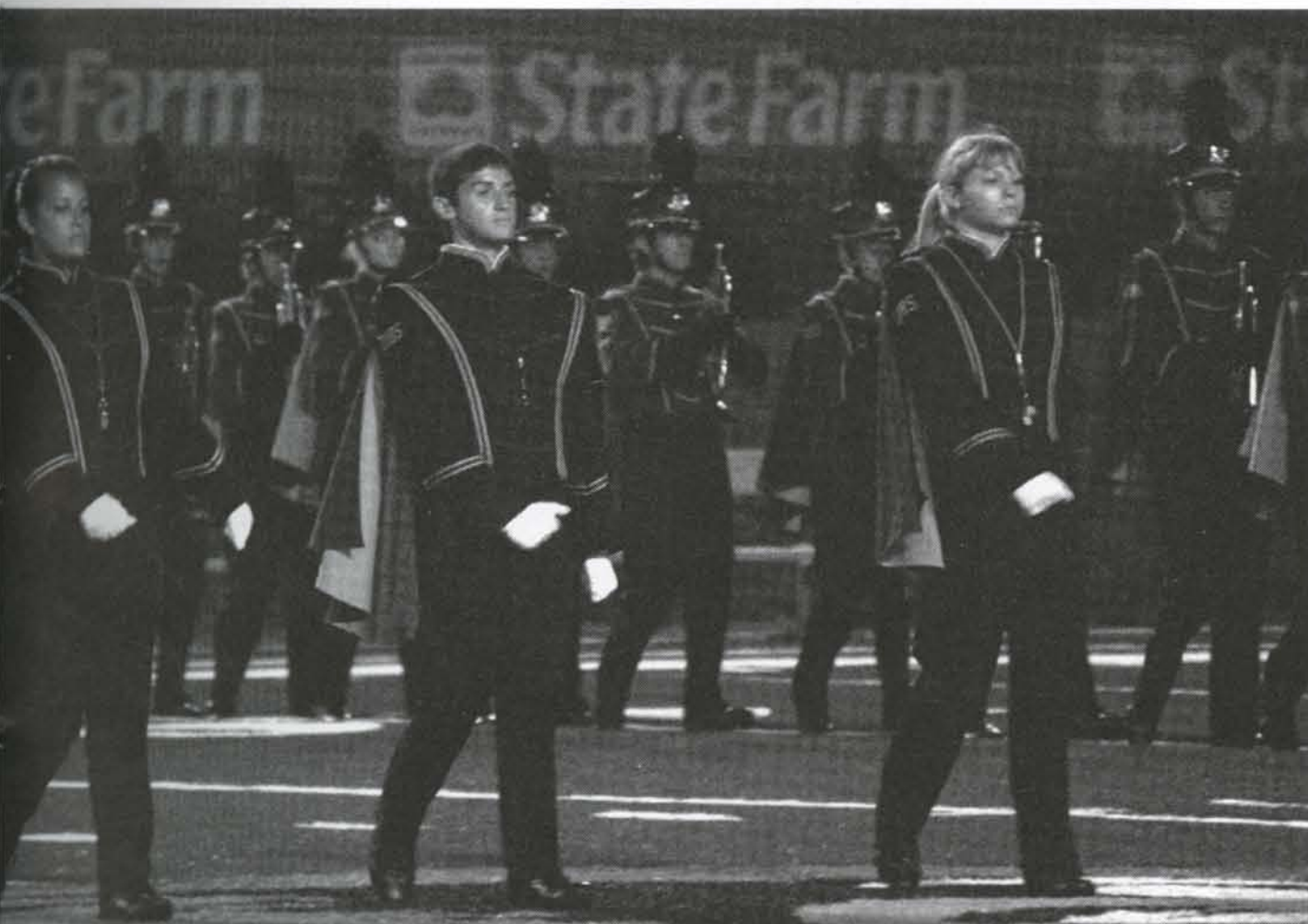
Competitions are a big part of being in band. In the first quarter of school, band members go to multiple competitions throughout the state.

"Competitions get pretty intense because you have a bunch of band geeks competing to win," sophomore Kelsey Maffett said.

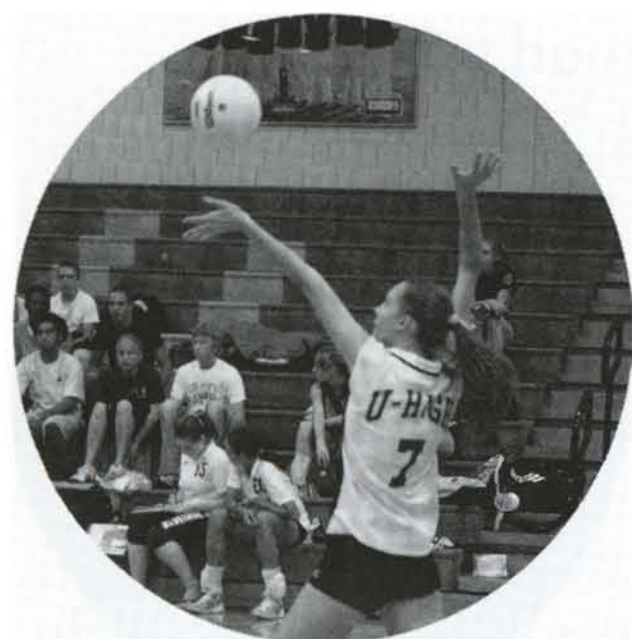
By: Ali Mueller

Above: Senior Joya Davis and junior Jasmine Gibbs perform the halftime flag show.  
Photo by Rachel Solava.

Left: Senior drum majors take to the field to lead the marching Pioneers during the pre-game show.  
Photo by Rachel Solava.

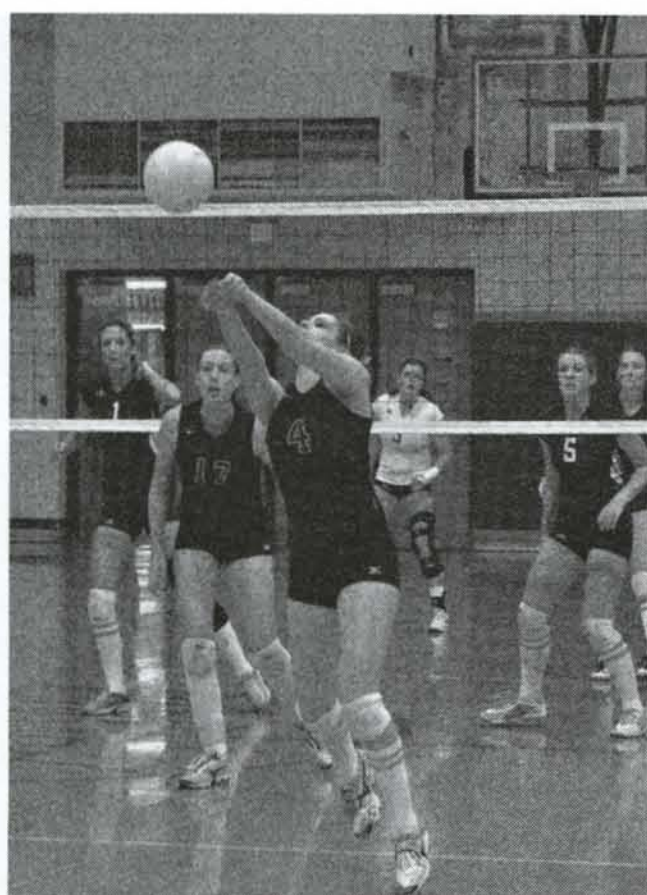
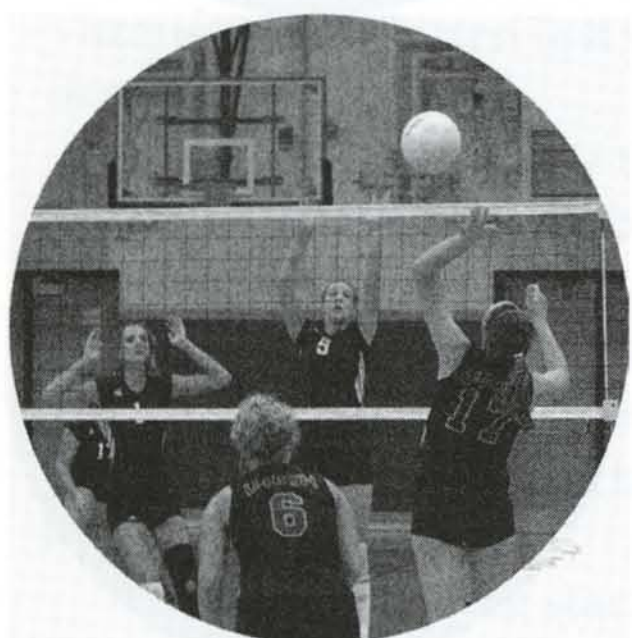
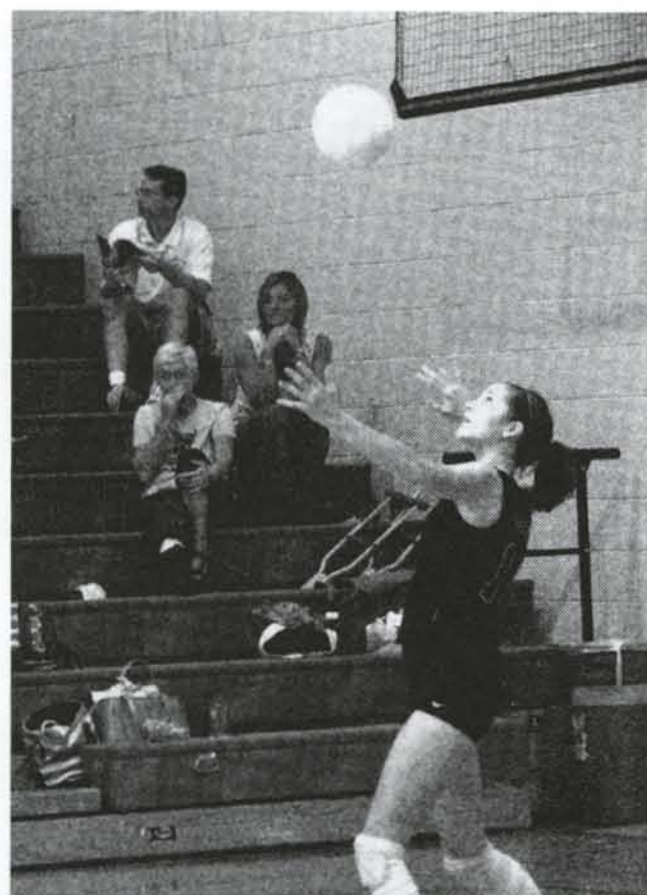
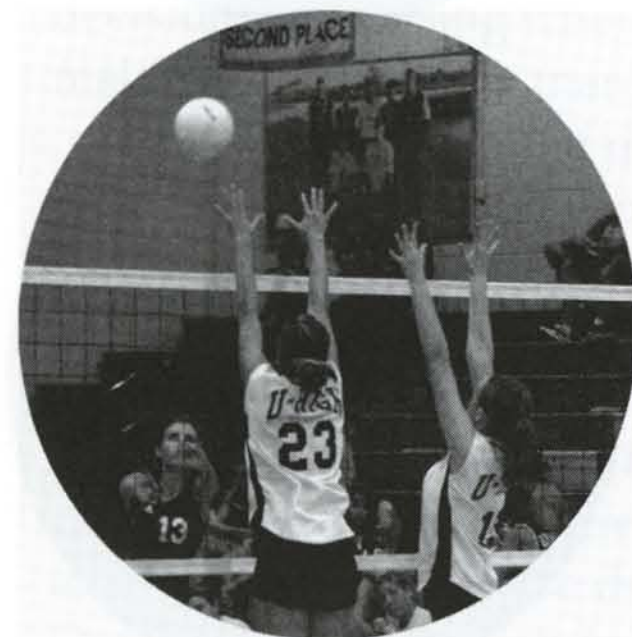






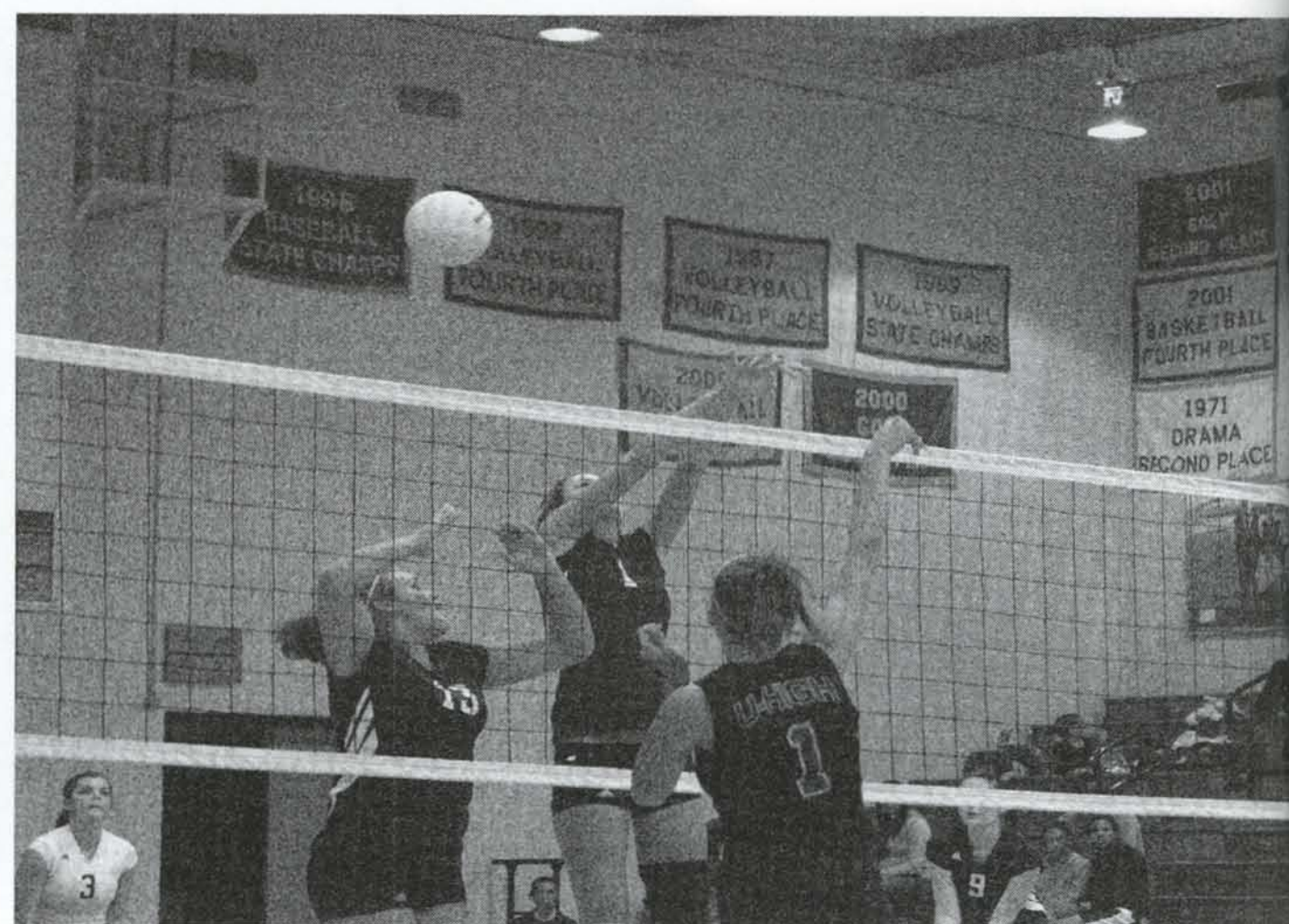
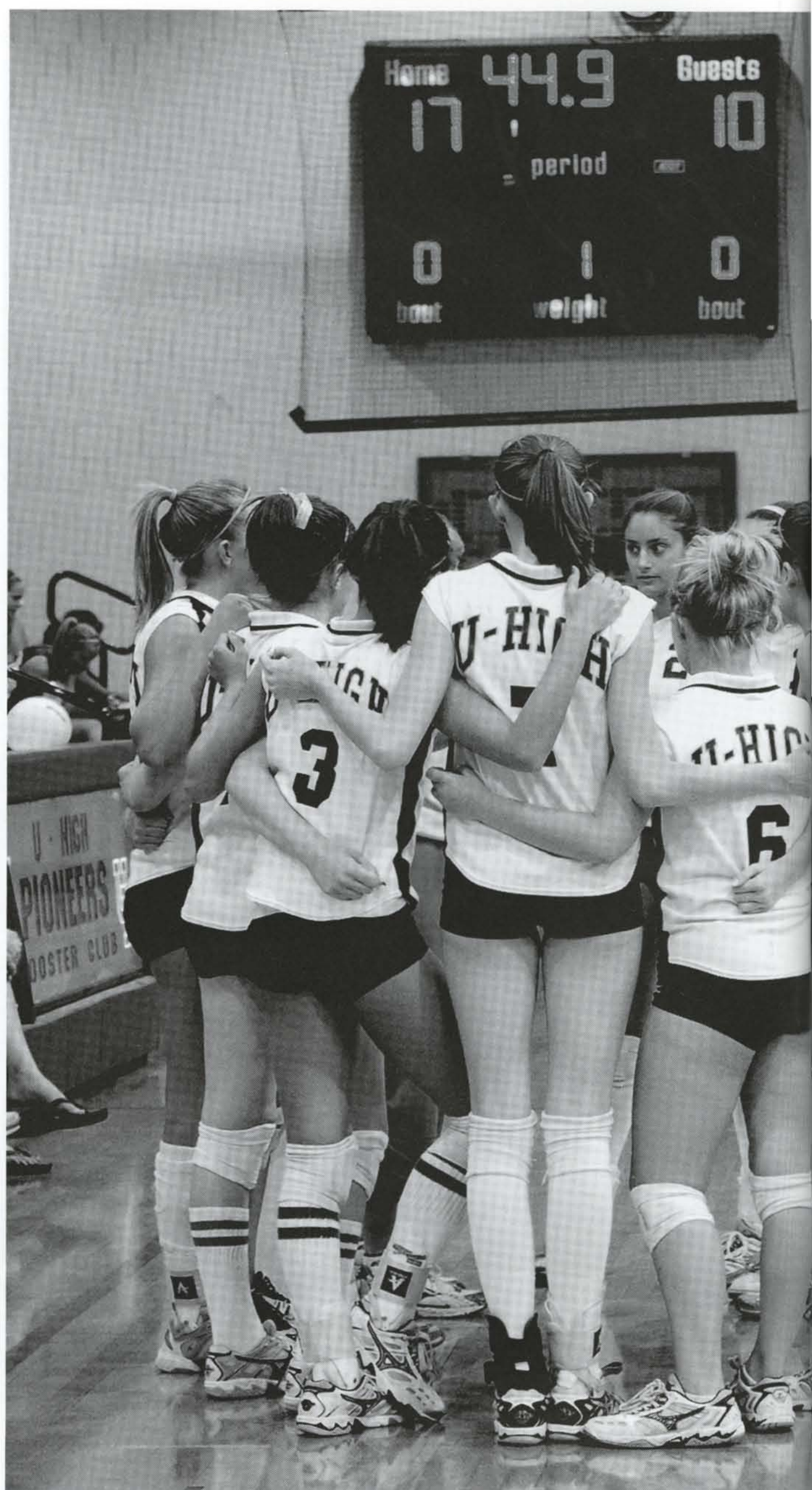
Right: The volleyball players show their teammates support during a time out.  
Photo by Ally Miller.

Below: Junior Ashlee Sang tosses the ball to serve at the opponent.  
Photo by Zach Zentner.



Above: Senior Erin Tofanelli passes the ball to the hitter.  
Photo by Kevin Rotsch.

Left: Junior Jordan Bond hits the ball over the net.  
Photo by Kevin Rotsch.





"If we didn't have our team chemistry, then we wouldn't be conference champs." Senior Tanya Ploense

# Conference Comrades

By: Rachel Solava

Eleven hands touch the green and gold "U" on the gym wall before the girls run out onto the court for warm-ups. The crazy tie-dyed socks and side ponytails adorned with green and gold ribbon set the volleyball team apart from their opponent as they stand arm in arm for their pre-game pep talk.

The team huddle wasn't just a cliché sports symbol; it held deeper meaning for the girls. The team chemistry was evident in every move they made on and off the court.

"In the huddle we just do the most random things. Sometimes we get a good speech out of one of the seniors, usually Erin Tofanelli, if the game is going to be really intense. But sometimes we just say inside jokes or do funny stuff to pump us up and make us relax a little," junior Taylor Bruns said.

All the girls attribute their successful season to the strong team synergy. At the beginning of the season, the team's number one goal was to win conference undefeated. This feat had not been accomplished since Ogonna Nnamani played and led her team to two state championships.

According to junior Jordan Bond, being conference champs reaffirmed the team's belief in their ability.

The victories and successful season were all based off of the solid bond formed between the team members. It started at the beginning of the season when the girls had a scavenger hunt.

"We had to run around the school to find different things. We made key chains, did a cheer, and took pictures," Bond said.

The fun continued with playing silent football before every game, and then at the end of the season, the girls had a team sleepover.

"We TPed our coach's house but then she retaliated by TPing and painting our cars," senior Tanya Ploense said.

The connections made between the girls were the driving force behind the team's victory. The friendship and bonding off the court was evident in their performance.

"If we didn't have our team chemistry, then we wouldn't be conference champs," Ploense said.

In tough situations or when one girl was having a bad night, the team knew they could rely on each other.

"We have someone to pick the team up if we are having a bad game," Bruns said.

To show their support, the girls literally rallied together. After each point, the team would huddle in the middle of the court.

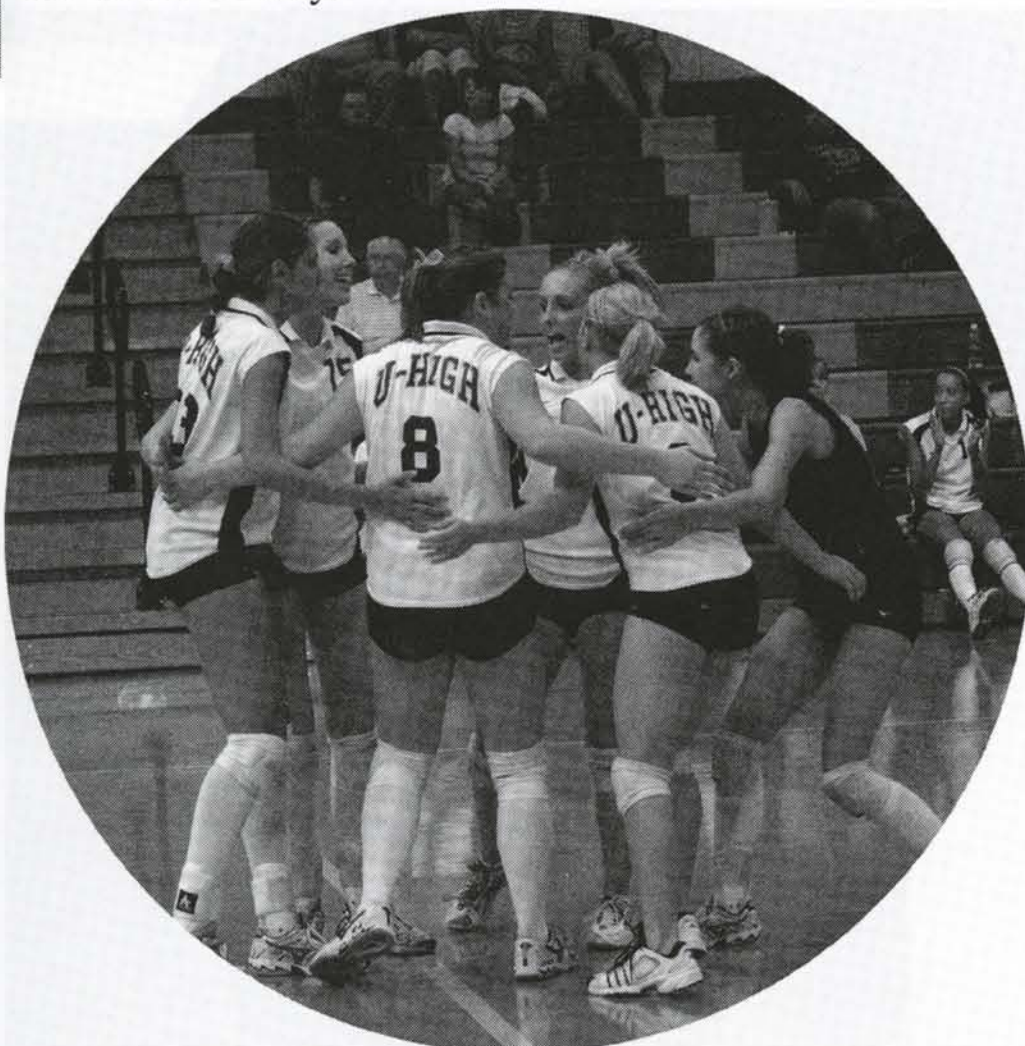
"We celebrated after each win and each point. We complemented each other as a team," Bruns said.

Instead of just competing against conference and intercity teams, the team raised their level of competition by traveling to elite tournaments near Chicago and St. Louis. The out of town tournaments not only brought the team closer together but also improved their play in conference.

"The competitive, challenging style of the tournaments helped us to stay focused during the conference games," Bruns said.

Most of the girls saw Central Catholic as their biggest threat in conference. The school rivalry fueled U-High to beat the Saints both times this season, securing their title as conference champions.

"It felt good to be champs this year because we tied last year with Central. The quest for revenge added to the school rivalry," Ploense said.





"My favorite part of the evening was hanging out in the dressing room and meeting other people from different schools." Freshman Kambria Vance

# Idol Behavior

By: Alex Kraft

The Bloomington Normal Idol competition gave intercity students with talents in the fine arts the opportunity to compete for a traveling trophy, and the title of Bloomington Normal Idol. Along the journey for the trophy, the four competitors chosen from U-High gained a lot more than a heavy golden trophy or a phony title, they experienced performing for a diverse group of their peers.

The competition began with a rigorous audition held in the U-High lounge. From each of the schools who competed, only four acts would be chosen to perform in Braden. Since the competition was so fierce, many Bloomington Normal Idol hopefuls put all they had into their auditions.

Freshman Kambria Vance auditioned on a modern song and was nervous but self confident when she sang for the judging panel.

"I knew my song by heart, but I was still nervous and my pulse increased because I auditioned a capella," Vance said.

The hopefuls were informed as to which four acts would be representing U-High in the upcoming competition the day after auditions.

"When I found out I had been chosen I screamed and jumped around, then went to hug Tilman," Vance said.

Freshmen Elizabeth Lindenmeier, Tilman Monsanto, and senior Samantha Bryden were also chosen to represent U-High. After they found out they would be competing, many of the performers put in extra practice to ensure a successful performance.

"I practiced every night for hours to make sure that my intonation, movements, and attitude were perfect," Bryden said.

Finally, the night of the competition came and the performers brought their best. The audience seemed to notice because they wouldn't stop cheering. The excitement was almost tangible as each performer stepped out onto the stage.

"Sitting in the audience was a true melting pot," senior Matt Skibo said. "Even though we all had different reasons for being at the competition, we were all supportive."

Even the competitors were supportive.

"Everyone was just amazingly talented and nice," Bryden said.

Vance could barely control her excitement as the night unfolded before her. Even from the first moments of entering Braden, she was in awe.

"When I first arrived at Braden that night, I thought I was going to pee my pants," she said.

Before Vance performed she spent a lot of time getting the butterflies out of her stomach backstage. While in the dressing room, she got to know her competition and made many lasting friendships.

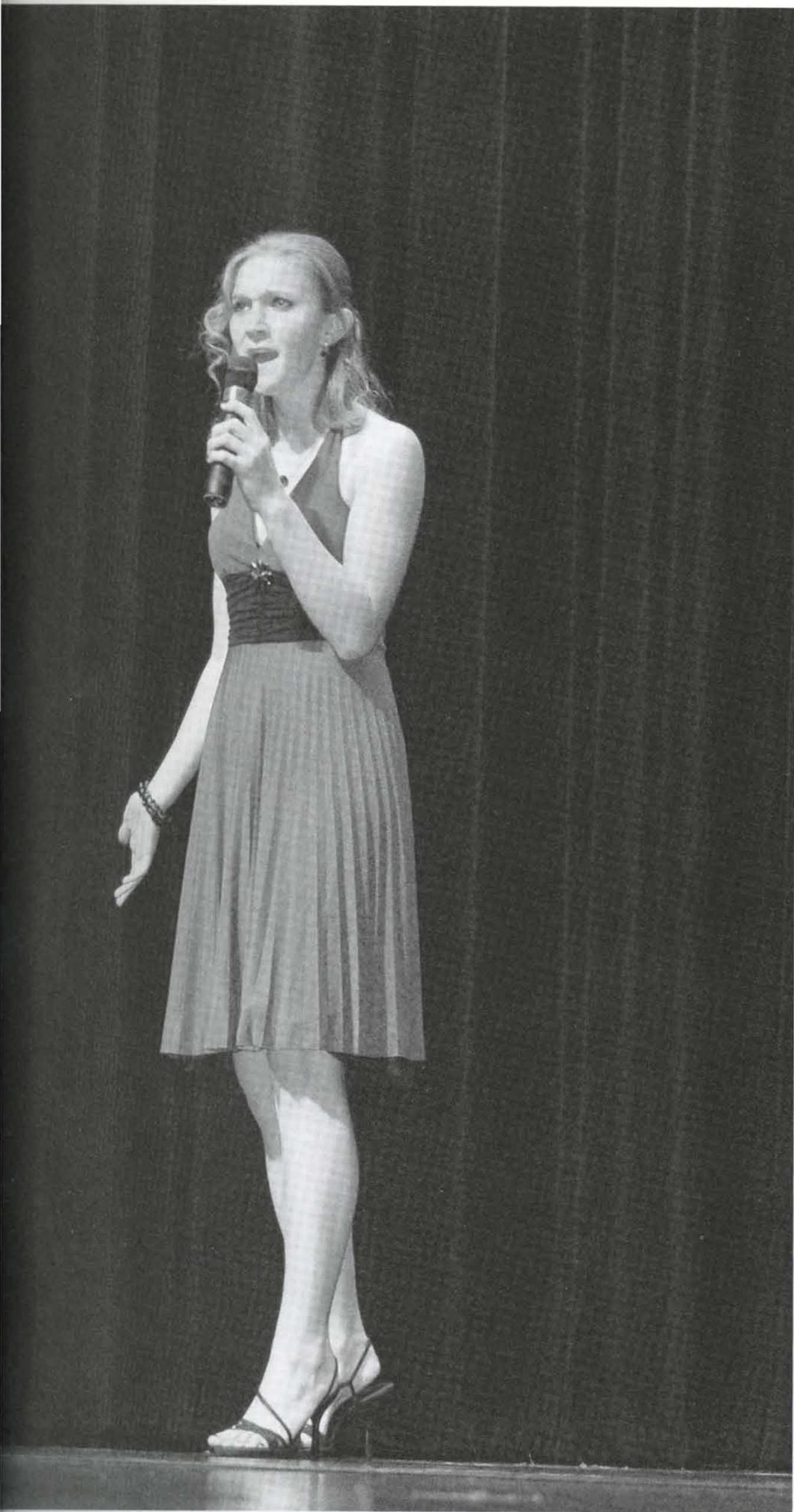
"My favorite part of the evening was hanging out in the dressing room and meeting other people from different schools," she said.

None of the performers chosen to represent U-High won the traveling trophy or the enviable title of Bloomington Normal Idol, but they did have fun.

"Oh my God, if I could do the competition again I would certainly-100%," Bryden said.

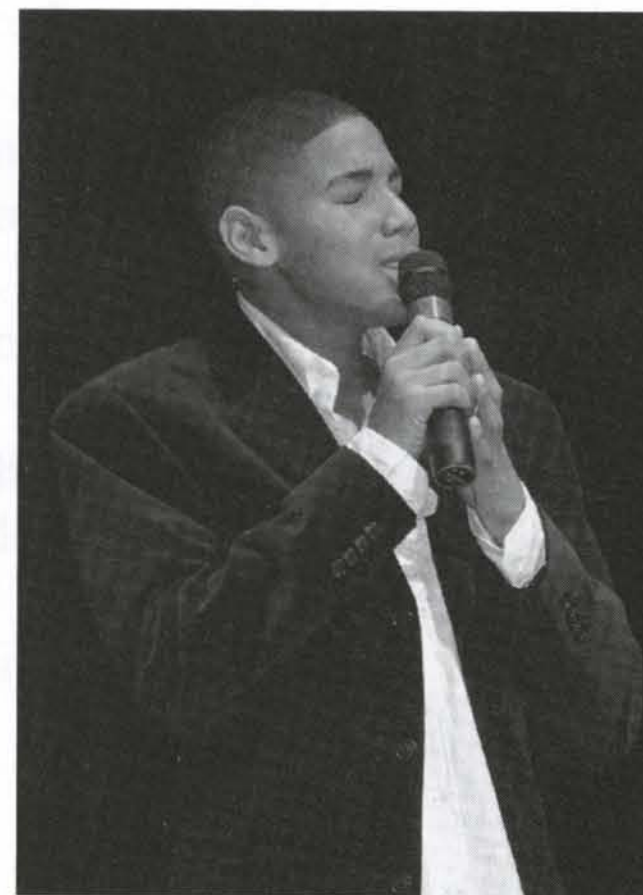
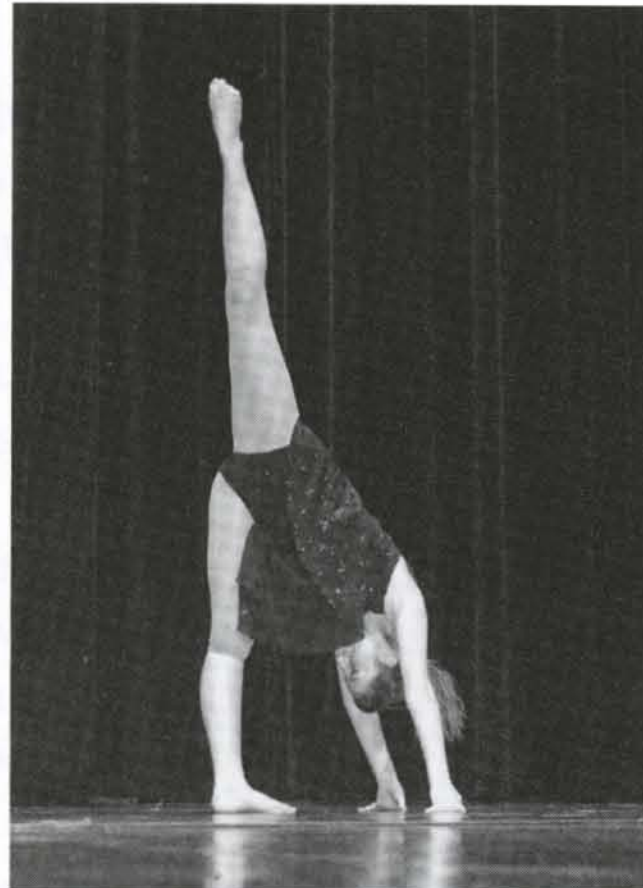






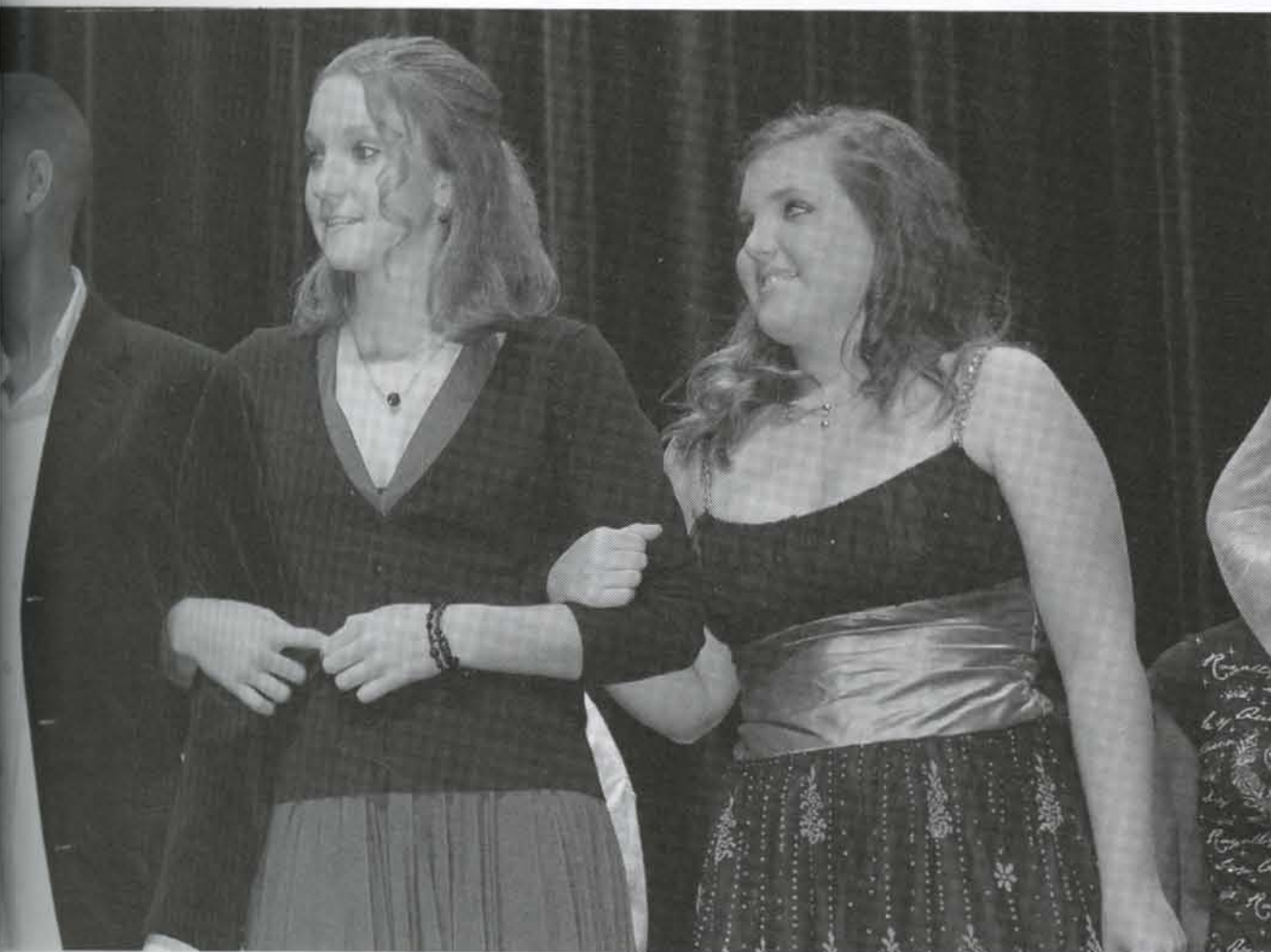
Left: Freshman Kambria Vance sings during BN Idol.  
All photos by Renee Demont.

Below: Freshman Elizabeth Lindenmeier performs her dance routine.



Above: Freshman Tilman Monsanto sings his solo.

Left: The U-High participants stand together while the winners are announced.







Right: Senior Nick Houska and freshman James Clay race to the finish in the cross country meet.  
Photo by Chris Ashley.

Below: Sophomore Kara Butorac tries to run past the opponent.  
Photo by Chris Ashley.



Senior Kevin Forde began his running career as a freshman and has become an exceptional runner and leader.

"What makes me most proud is what he has done off the course. He's a tremendous leader, and he's grown from his freshman year," coach Lester Hampton said.

Forde was on the varsity team all four years of his high school career, which is quite a feat for any athlete. He has enjoyed his career in cross country, especially being a captain this year.

"It's cool to lead the group because kids look up to you. We're a big family, and I'm like the dad," Forde said.

By: Jenna Floyd



Above: Junior Carolyn Ayers gives her all in the cross country meet.  
Photo by Rachel Solava.

Right: Senior Kevin Forde and teammates run with the pack.  
Photo by Chris Ashley.





"I led the team with determination; kind of showing them the ropes and the right way to do things, and how to be a great individual."

Senior Kevin Forde

# Student Run

By: Jenna Floyd

It is a perfect day; a pristine time to run a race. Hundreds of boys step up to the starting line, their jerseys ranging from vibrant colors to a simple white and green with the emblem of U-High on the front. The starter raises his arm, and with a loud bang and a puff of smoke, the IHSA State Cross Country race begins.

Through a season of hard work and dedication, the boys cross country team won their AA sectional meet in East Peoria and advanced to the state championship at Detweiller Park.

The amazing times run and the overall outstanding trip to state was influenced by the upperclassmen.

Senior captain Kevin Forde began his running career as a freshman, spending all four years at U-High on the Varsity team. He finished off his senior season ranked number one on the team.

However, Forde was not only a phenomenal runner, but an outstanding leader as well.

"I led the team with determination;

kind of showing them the ropes and the right way to do things, and how to be a great individual," Forde said.

Appointed by Coach Lester Hampton to be captains, Forde, senior Nick Houska, and junior Josiah Husk were given partial responsibility over the team.

"Coach Hampton looked to the captains to help out; we had a big team this year," Houska said.

A big team is right. This year the numbers reached into the sixties, whereas in previous years there were barely forty.

Though his career was wrought with injuries, Hampton feels senior Taiyo Wilson had a good season. Wilson was also a captain, and placed fourth on the team at sectionals.

"Taiyo has an enjoyable story. For him to be able to come back and compete after all of the injuries, he had a good season," Hampton said.

Senior Rustin Fakheri joined the cross country team his junior year, and influenced the underclassmen.

"I was definitely not the fastest, but I led the underclassmen in the slower group. It was hard, but it was a lot of fun," he said.

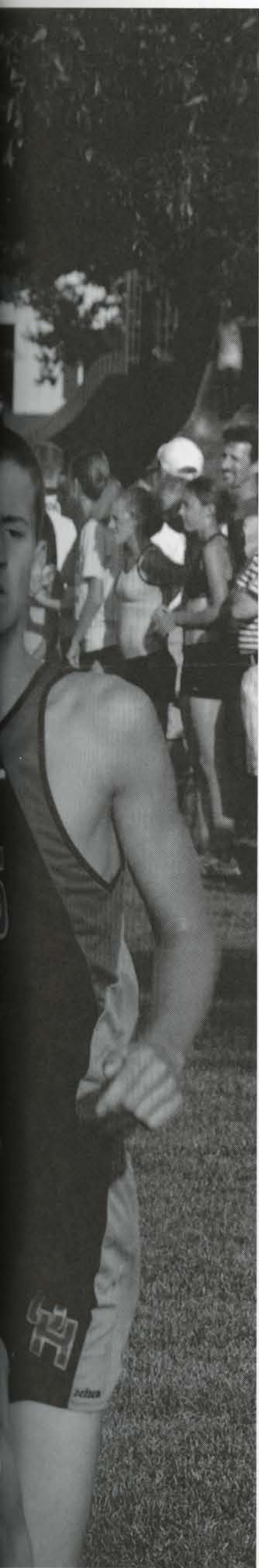
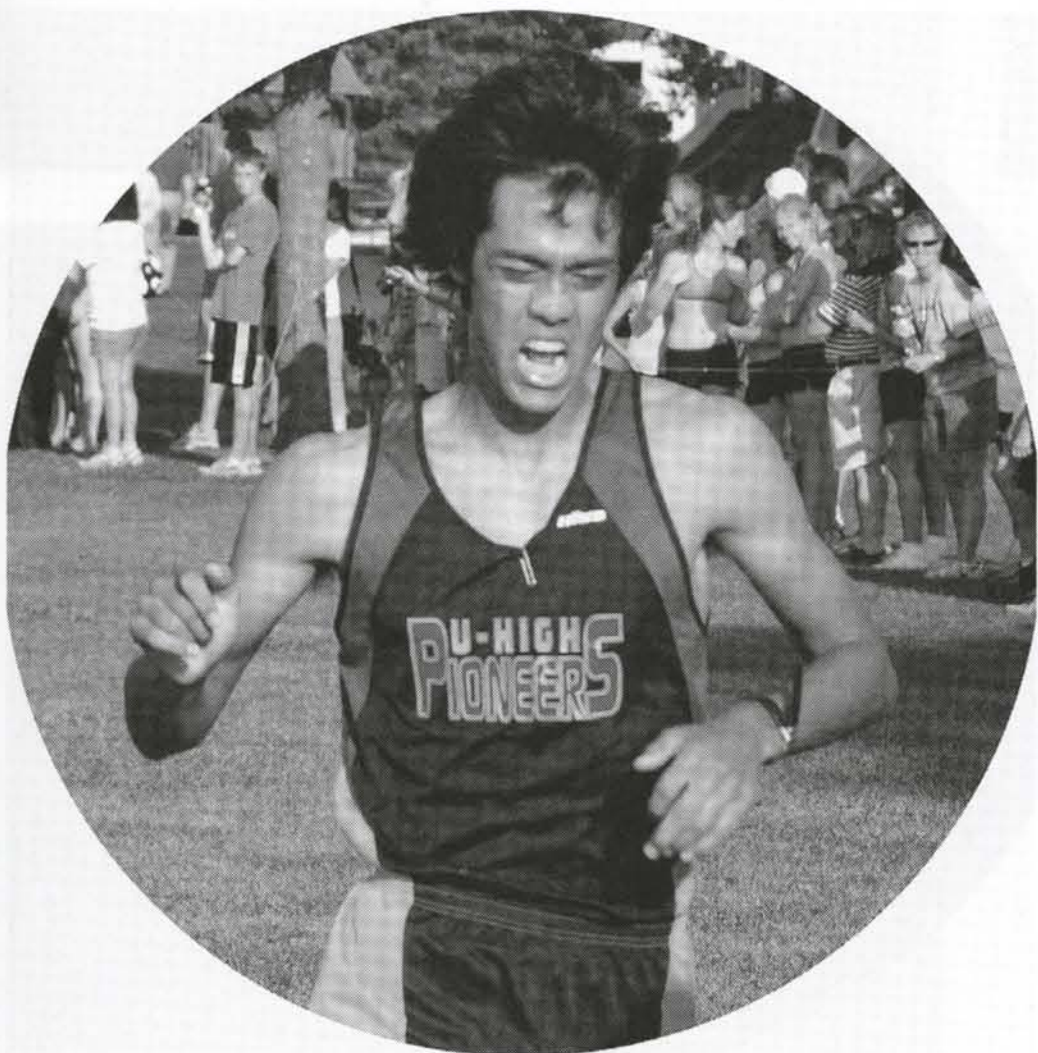
With great leadership comes great responsibility, but sometimes fun can be an option.

"We ran, and that's fun for us," Forde said. "Towards the end of the year we had 'power stretches,' where we acted like we were in the military. We joke around a lot."

Houska agreed.

"This year at Comlara Park, Kevin, Coach Hampton, and I had an ice fight. Hampton won," he said, laughing.

"What didn't we do for fun," Fakheri said, reminiscing about the season. "The workouts were tough but there was a lot of joking around. We didn't take it too seriously."





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Head Coach Samantha Petinga

# Coach, Sweat, and Tears

By: Sara Idleman

Breath pierces the abnormally warm fall air. The girls tennis team is running back and forth, back and forth. Amid the metronome of motion on the brightly lit tennis court, a blond-haired woman can be seen coaching enthusiastically.

With over eight years of coaching, both gymnastics and tennis, Samantha Petinga was pleased to move up from the assistant coaching position and become this year's new head coach.

"I've always wanted to be a coach. I admired my coaches in high school," Petinga said.

Petinga played basketball and volleyball in high school, but did not take up tennis until college.

"I've always been an athlete and tennis is the only sport where you just need one other person to play," Petinga said.

She recently left her job at Citigroup Finance to spend more time with her five-month-old daughter and family.

"She loves her daughter so much and talked about her all the time," senior Emily Stevens said. However, she felt Petinga did a good job of keeping her family life separate from tennis.

One major complaint from this year was the intensive stations Petinga added to practice for conditioning.

"I don't like doing them, but I like the end result," Stevens said.

The stations focused on cardio and endurance which included small workouts such as lunges, wall sits, running, and military push-ups.

The stations were hard on the girls because former coaches never focused so much on physical training.

"We all moaned and groaned about it, but it wasn't as bad as we made it out to be," Stevens said.

Petinga acquired her coaching style through previous coaches and by observing professionals. She felt the extra effort the girls put into practice was worth it.

"I know conditioning is one of the most important parts in tennis," Petinga said.

Her attitude on the courts differed tremendously from that of last year's coach Bob Runyan.

Runyan left after applying for, and not receiving, a position in U-High's physical fitness department.

"Bob was hilarious, and knew how to make us laugh," Stevens said.

Many of the girls still keep in contact with their old coach.

"Even if we were losing, he still found a way to make us smile," senior Kathleen Johnson said.

Although Runyan was missed as head coach, Petinga brought her own set of strengths to the program.

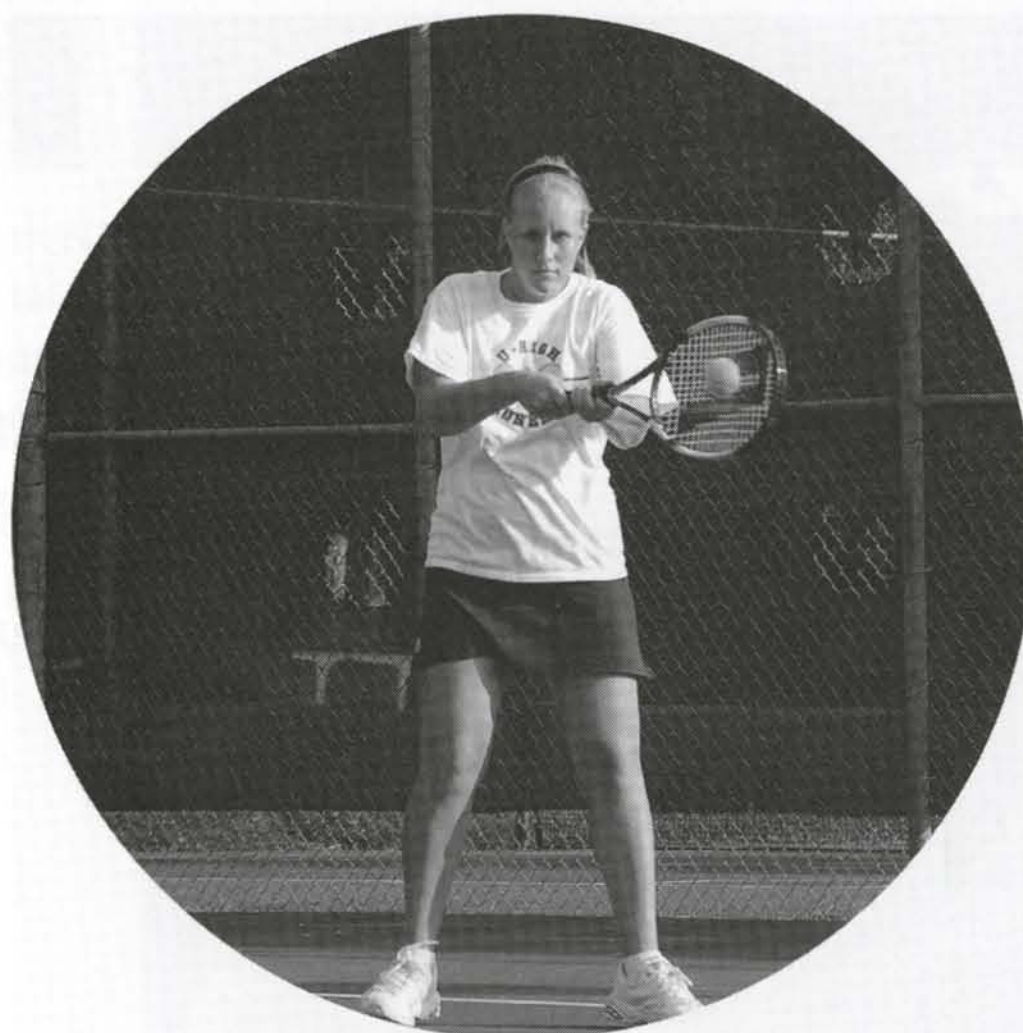
According to Johnson, Petinga is good with strategy and being more aggressive at the net.

Though practice could be intense, the girls' favorite part of the season was just hanging out together.

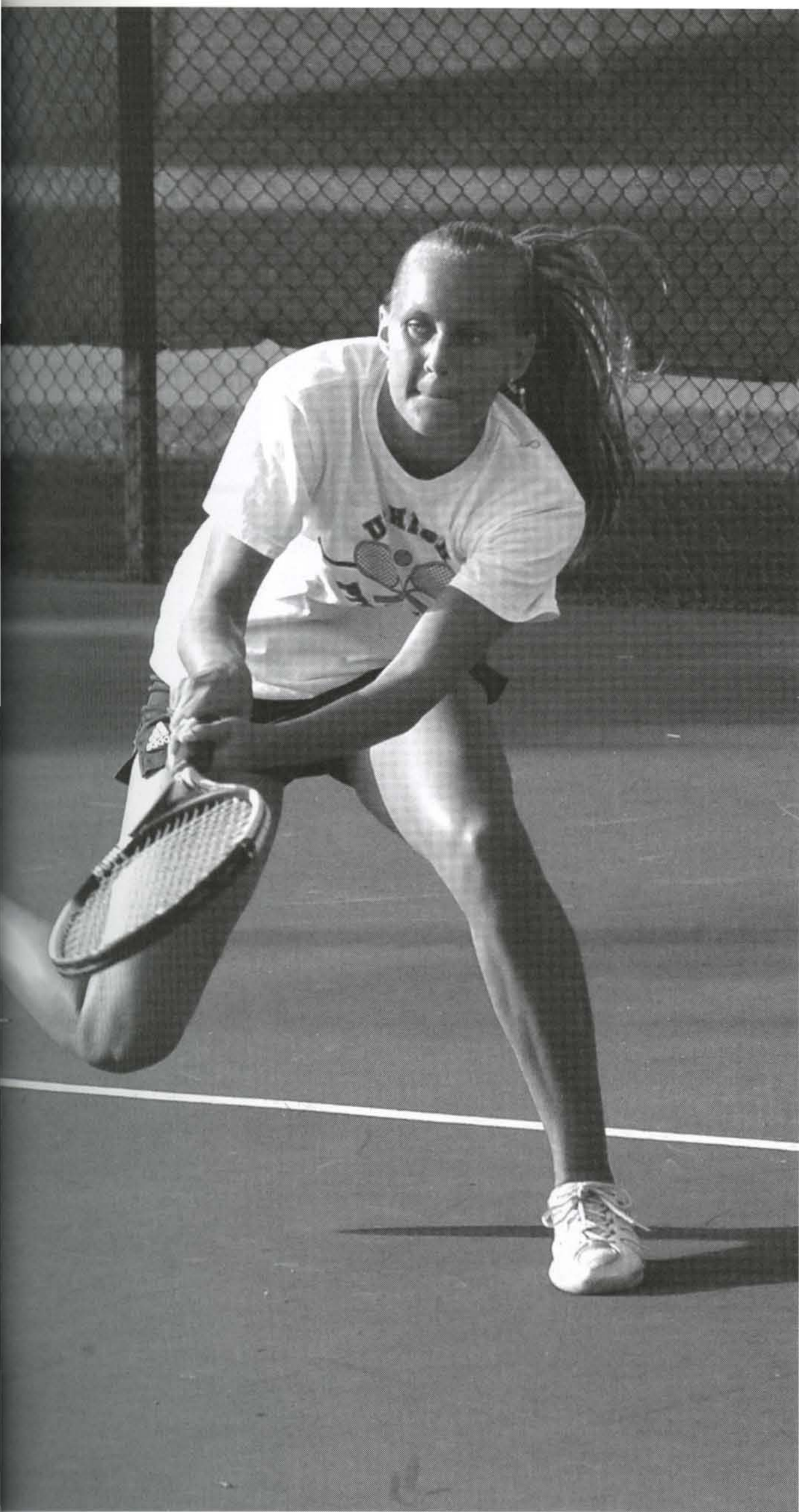
"I think we've almost grown too close," junior Annie Nord said with a smile.

The season was both trying and rewarding for Petinga. She wanted the girls to take away more from the season than just what they learned on the court.

"I hope to have taught the girls something more than tennis. I hope they have learned self respect, and how to become leaders themselves," Petinga said.



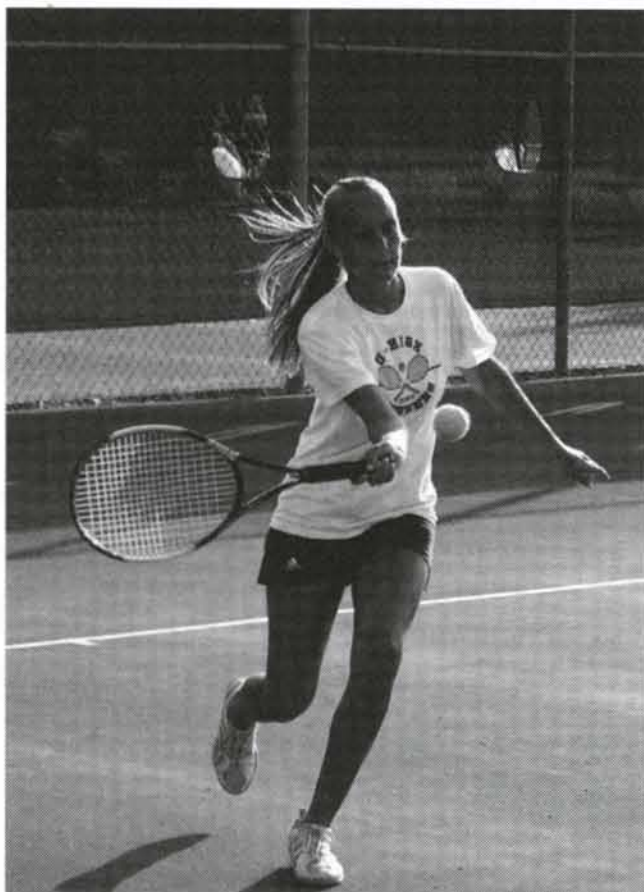
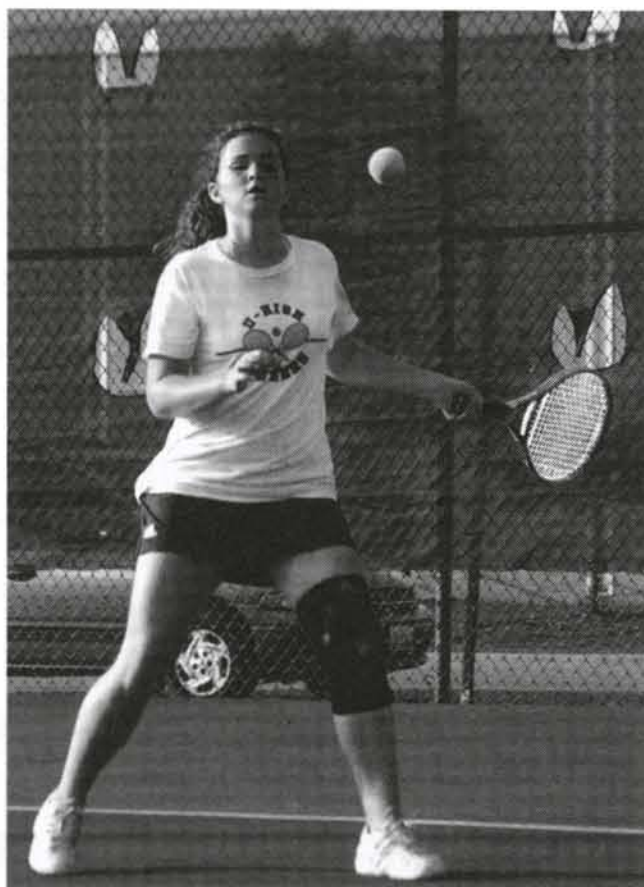




Left: Junior Annie Nord lunges to continue rallying during a tennis match.

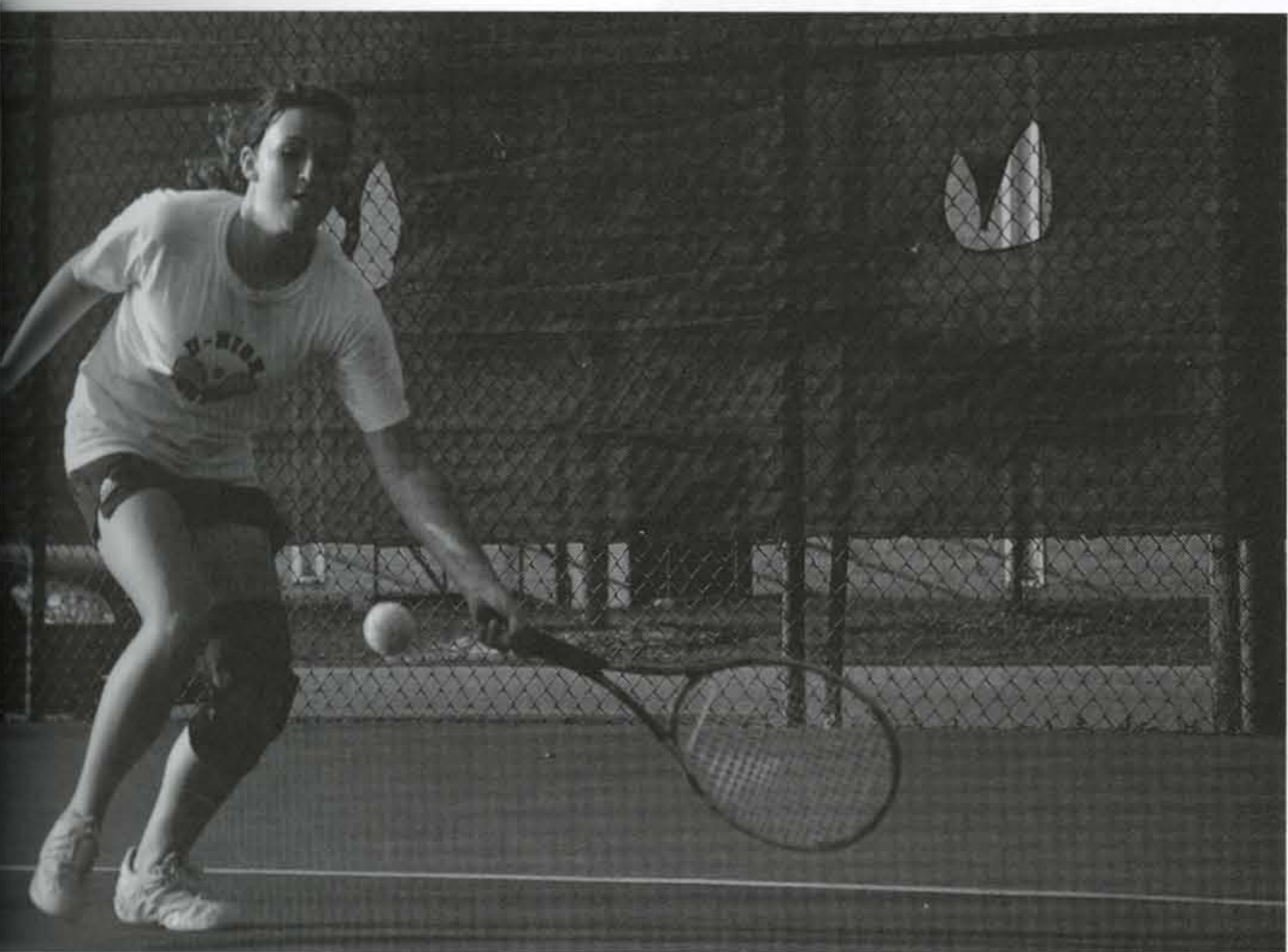
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Below: Junior Amanda Lawler focuses on returning a serve.



Above: Junior Annie Nord hits the ball back to her opponent.

Left: Junior Amanda Lawler reaches for the ball.



Freshman Sienna Reuter took over the top spot on the girls tennis team this year.

"I didn't walk in knowing I would be at the top. I had to start at the bottom and work my way up," Reuter said.

Playing upperclassmen as a freshman posed several challenges for Reuter.

"It can be scary on some occasions. Upperclassmen are usually bigger and more experienced," Reuter said.

Coach Samantha Petinga was pleased with Reuter's performance and is looking forward to future seasons.

"I think she will be more of a leader in the years to come. Right now, she is just getting used to playing at this level," Petinga said.

By: Hillary Giesel



"Everyone is pulling their own weight, and we are a unit this year. We do a lot of hard training, but it is fun getting to bond with friends."

Junior Kathleen Knight

# LUCKY THIRTEEN

By: Jenna Floyd

Dressed in black and green, some glide through the water, pausing every now and then to take a refreshing breath. Others twist and flip through the air, being careful to enter the water at just the right angle.

Although the girls swimming and diving team is small in numbers, they are large in talent. Last year, the team consisted of around 20 members, but this year the team is made up of only 13 swimmers and divers.

Coach Ryan Burroughs, who has coached the team for the past eight years, had to make changes in the line-ups due to the lack of girls.

"I'm not sure why there are fewer girls this year, but we've stepped up the training the past few years so that may have discouraged those who came for the social aspect. [Creating] the line-up can be nerve-racking because we have fewer girls, but practices are now more individualized and we focus on different workouts," Burroughs said.

Burroughs has even had to extend his swimming line-up to include divers.

Senior diver Sarah Capodice has risen to the challenge of swimming for the first time in her high school career.

"Swimming and diving are nothing alike. We don't even use the same muscles. They are completely different, except for the fact that they both involve water," Capodice said.

Burroughs said any member of the team has a good chance of succeeding in the sport, but self-confidence is the most important value a swimmer or diver can possess.

"They have the physical capabilities, but now they just have to believe in themselves," he added.

Capodice said this season is different because, although they have the same meets, last year only a few members could be entered for the weekend invites.

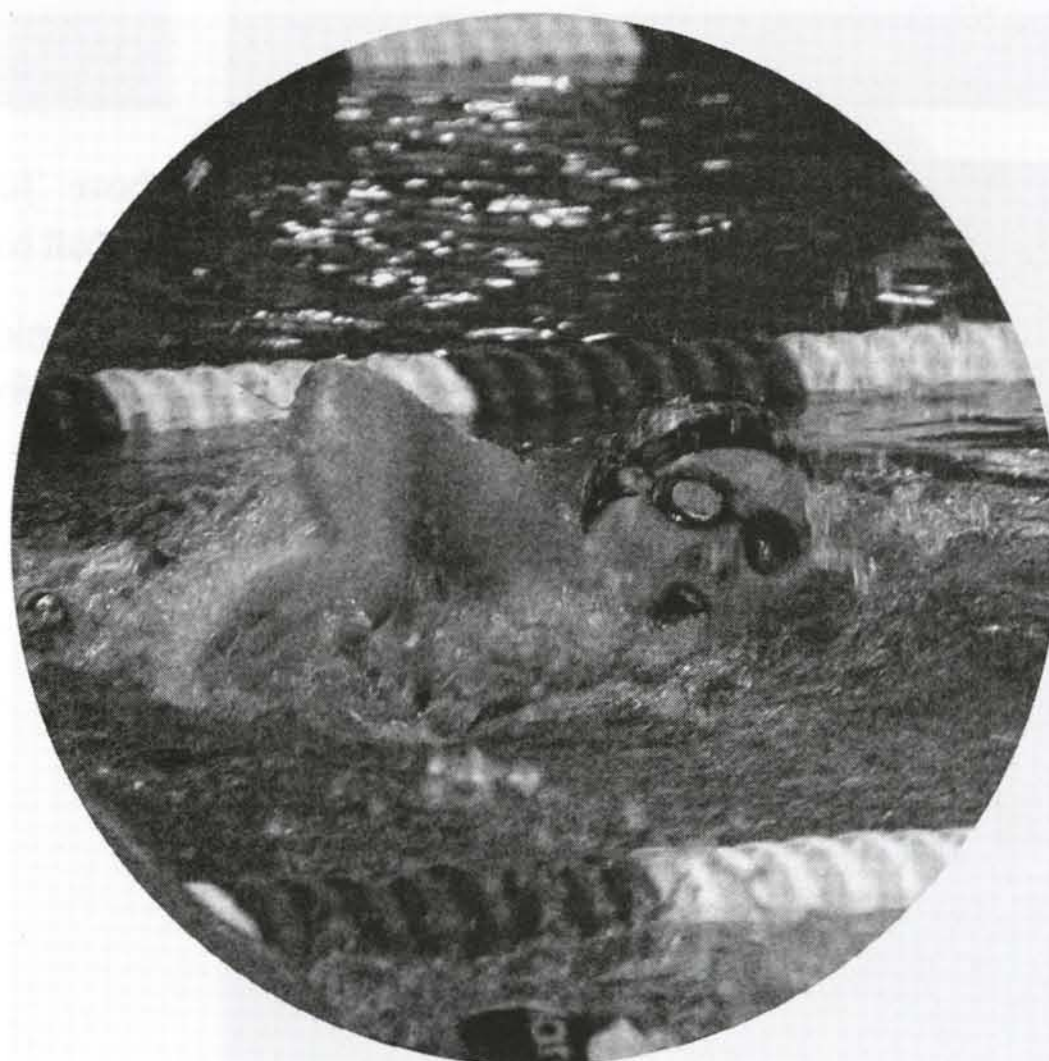
This year, however, everyone can attend. Junior Rynne Gorsuch added that everyone is on varsity this year, and they now swim four events as opposed to only swimming two.

Another challenge a small team must overcome occurs when one member is injured or cannot compete at their highest level. After sustaining injuries from the powder puff game, Junior Kathleen Knight had to get back into the swing of things.

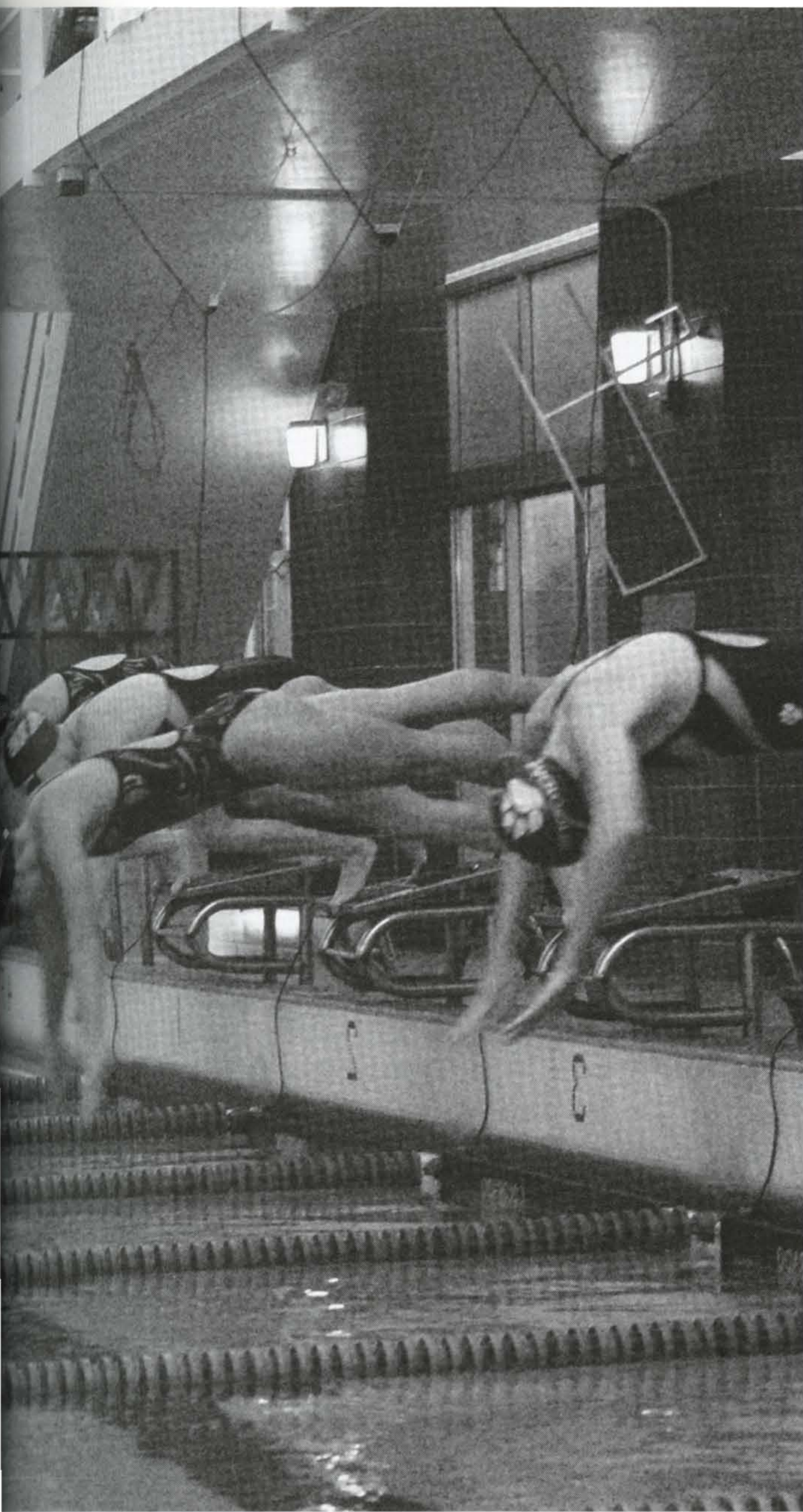
For some, swimming a lap or two in the pool can be tiring and difficult. For Knight, who sometimes swims the 500 free, those few laps would be a cinch.

A 500 free is twenty lengths of the pool, or ten laps in total. She also participates in other events such as the 100 fly, 100 back, and the 200 IM.

"Everyone is pulling their own weight, and we are a unit this year. We do a lot of hard training, but it is fun getting to bond with friends," Knight said.

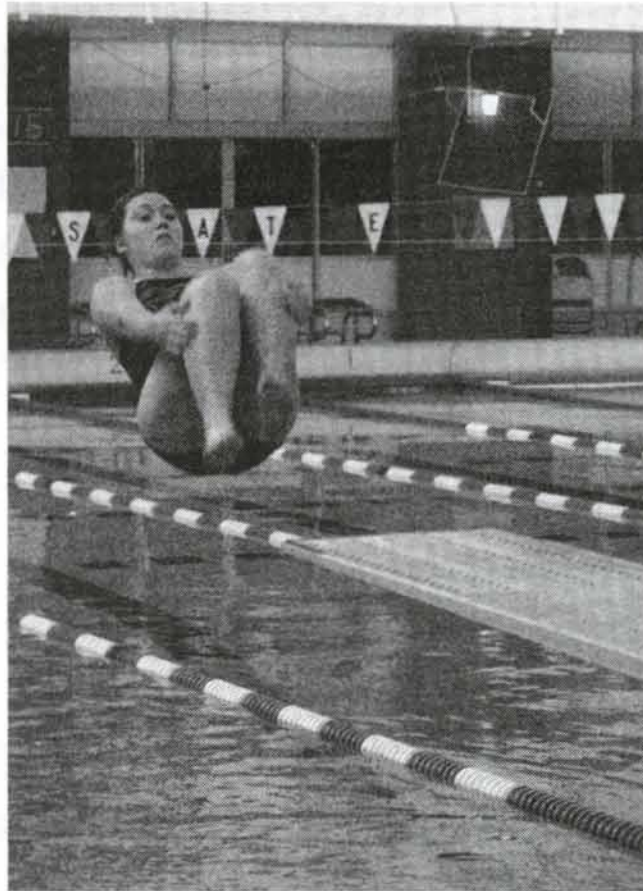






Left: Junior Kathleen Knight dives off the starting blocks at the beginning of a relay. Photo by Matt Shrier.

Below: Freshman Morgan Sondgeroth does a backward somersault. Photo by Matt Shrier.



Above: Junior Katie Klotzbach swims the backstroke. Photo by Matt Shrier.

Left: Sophomore Ali Taubert and senior Claire Wazienski talk during warm-ups. Photo by Laurel Benson.





"I left the stadium and all I wanted was to go out on the field and try some new moves I had just seen." Senior Erin Sage

# WOMEN ON THE RISE

By: Anna Doran

A hundred thousand screaming fans surround a rectangular field of short, spiky, green grass. Two teams battle for a black and white ball. Pushing, shoving, running 50-yard dashes, making dives, tackles, headers, crosses, and passes for 90-minutes; all for one game. Sounds intense, doesn't it? And it is, just like all the other Women's World Cup games that were held throughout China this year.

Sixteen teams from all over the world competed for the title of World Cup Champion. One of the teams that made it to the semi-finals and had a huge impact throughout the tournament was the U.S. Women's National Team.

"U.S. women's soccer is dominating the world right now," senior Erin Sage said.

The team played five games, winning three, tying one, and losing one. The U.S. Women's Team battled Brazil on Sept. 27, but lost the game to finish bronze in the World Cup.

South Korea tested the U.S. team and gave them their first tie.

"Abby Wambach had a head injury and came back to help tie the game," senior Liz Phipps said.

Wambach, a forward for the team, scored four out of the eight goals during the World Cup.

Wambach contributes to the team with her intensity and never give up attitude, Sage said.

"She is a powerhouse forward," Phipps added.

The captain of the Women's National Team is Kristine Lilly, who has been a fixture on the team since 1987.

"I think it was very unfortunate for Lilly to go out without the World Cup title this year. She's a phenomenal player that has led her team through a number of different

circumstances," Sage said.

Although the U.S. Women's National Team did not come away from the competition with the gold medal, they did attract many people to the World Cup games.

"Anytime a team does well, it brings in fans. You can apply that to basically any sport," Sage said.

Until the team lost to Brazil in the finals, they won 51 games in a row, yet the awareness of the team's success has been lacking throughout the country.

"I think that people would be more aware of women's soccer if ESPN showed decent highlights, and if TNT would advertise about the games," Phipps said. "Women's sports in general aren't as publicized as men's."

The team's success will impact how people perceive both the team and the sport in the future. "They are coming back to the United States with something to be proud of and taking a step towards acknowledging that women's soccer is rising," Sage said.

For those who follow women's soccer, the U.S. team's hard working attitude and growing success is an inspiration.

"I definitely became really motivated to be a better player after I saw them. I left the stadium and all I wanted was to go out on the field and try some new moves I had just seen," Sage said.



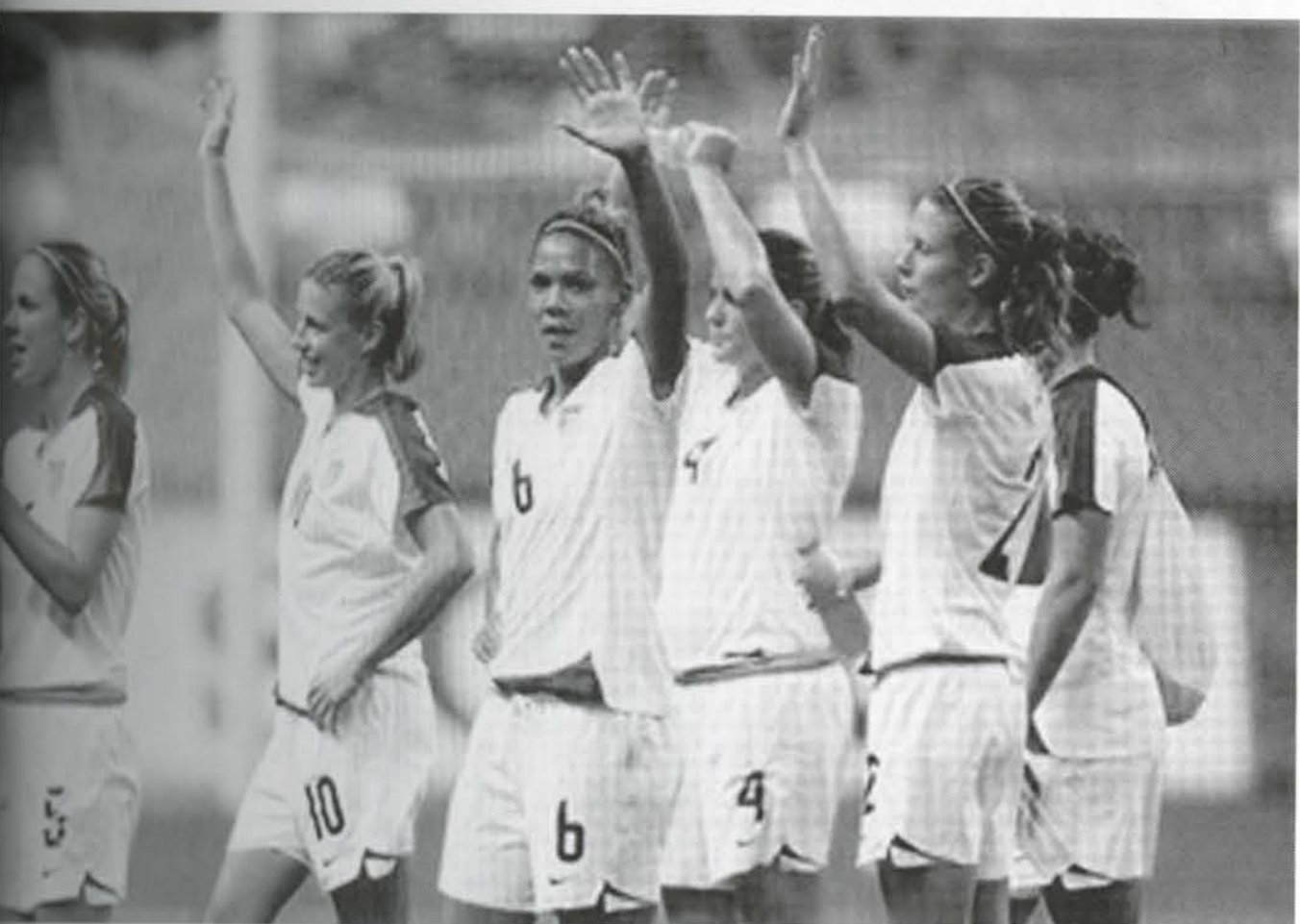
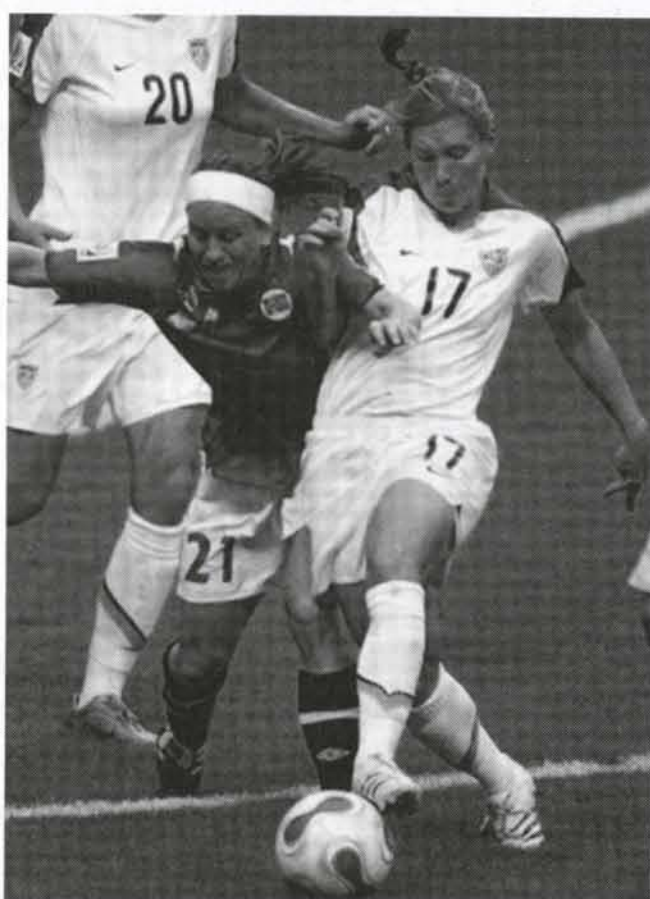
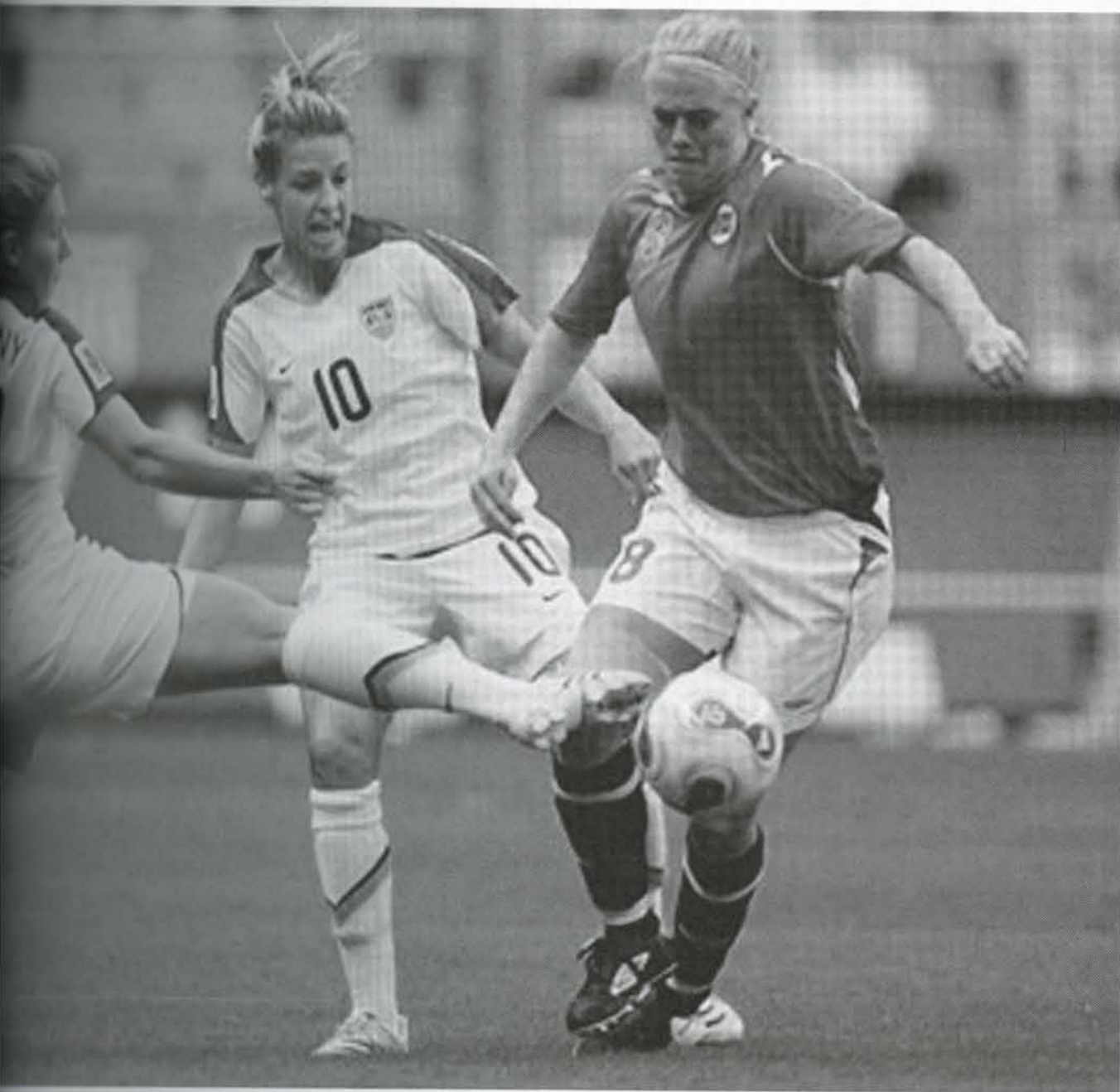




Left: Seniors Erin Sage and Anna Doran attend a U.S. women's soccer game.

Below Left: Heather O'Reilly fights for the ball during the game against Norway.

Below: Abby Wambach celebrates after her first goal during the World Cup.



Above: Nicole Barnhart vies for the ball during the World Cup held in Shanghai, China.

Left: The U.S. team acknowledges their fans after their third place finish in the World Cup.



"I was mad to see the whole season end like that. All the conditioning and hard work doesn't matter in penalty kicks." Junior Stefan Brooks

# DISHHEARTENING DEFEAT

By: Rachel Solava

The opponent, standing 12 yards away, has only one thing going through his mind: score this goal. Sophomore goalie Cole Wardlow concentrates on the player in front of him. He looks into the challenger's eyes, trying to psych him out. Maybe his eyes will wander to reveal which corner he will try for. Wardlow takes a few steps forward as the opponent approaches the ball. Then it's over in the blink of an eye. Wardlow slowly gets up from the ground as the ball sits contently in the back right corner of the net. He tries to shake off the missed save, and focuses on the next kick.

The boys soccer sectional final game, against Champaign Centennial, was set to be an intense game which would require the players' all. The two teams were evenly matched, but no one expected the game to go into four periods of overtime, and ultimately end in penalty kicks.

This was Wardlow's first experience with high school penalty kicks. As the goalie, he felt additional pressure and knew a lot was riding on his performance.

"I was hoping my fellow teammates would put their shots in, and I was hoping to stop at least one," Wardlow said.

The game started out well for the Pioneers. They were controlling the ball and outshooting Centennial. Senior Clint Vatterrodt had one particularly close shot in the last two minutes of the first half, which hit the post and bounced away.

"If we had made that shot, we definitely would have won," junior Stefan Brooks said.

After remaining scoreless during the 80 minutes of regular play, the game entered a ten-minute period of overtime, which was followed by three more rounds.

"I didn't want to get scored on during overtime. One goal and it would have been over," Wardlow said.

Coach Jeremy Stanton was confident in his players when the game went into overtime.

"They were well conditioned and I thought we would have a slight advantage," Stanton said.

However, when the period of overtime had run out, the teams were still scoreless. Each team sent five players to center field for penalty kicks. None of the players were pleased with the fact that the game ended that way.

"You could make 100 penalty kicks, but then miss the one that really counts," senior captain Matt Mendez said.

The last 20 minutes of each practice during the final three weeks of the regular season were dedicated to preparing for penalty kicks. Stanton did not have any doubts about his players' ability during penalty kicks.

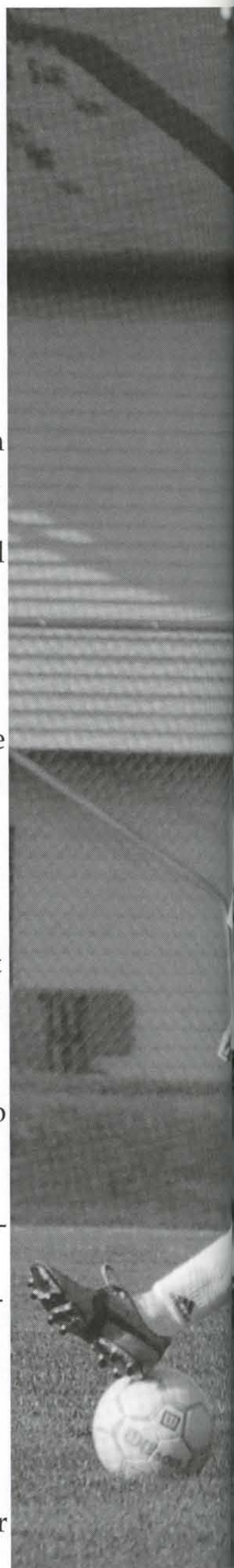
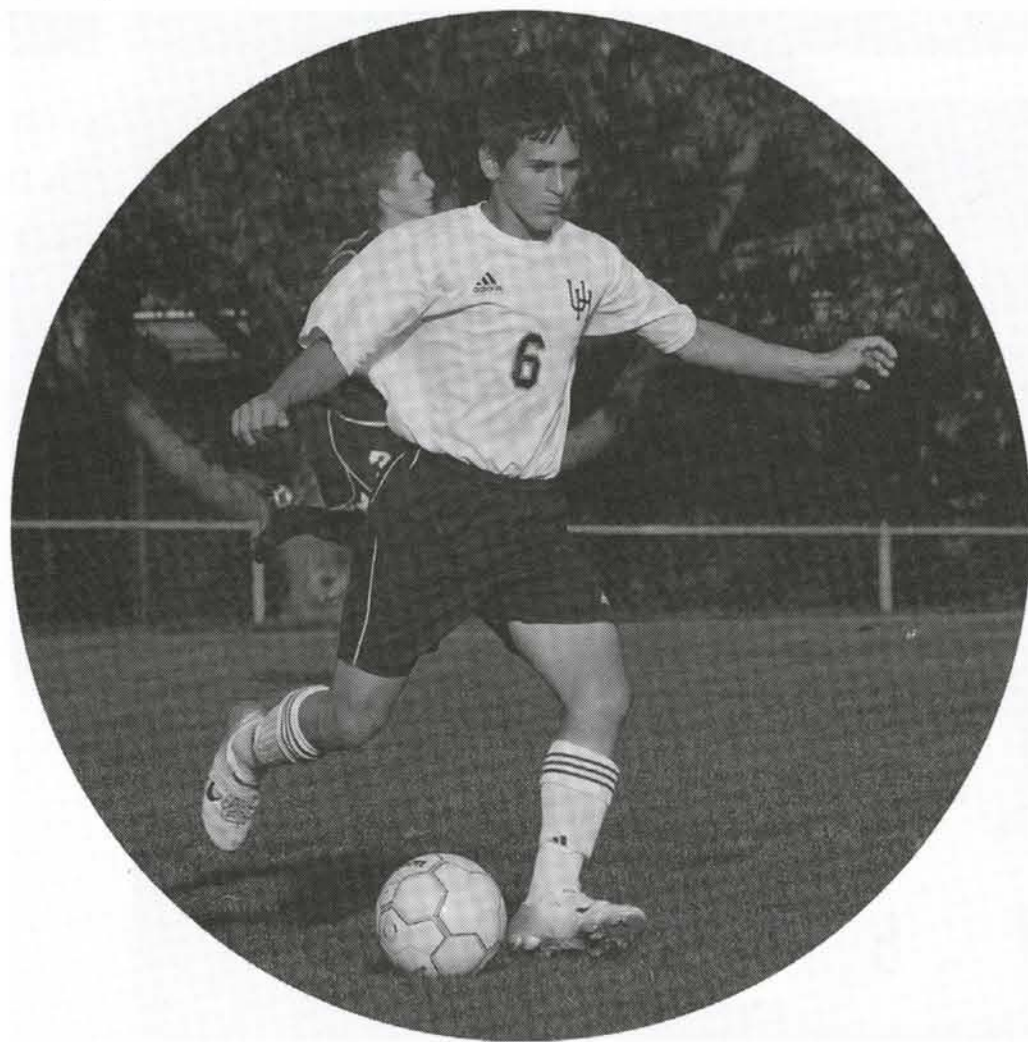
"Cole is a very good goalkeeper and I thought we held a lead with him as our goalie. I was sure about the guys who were kicking as well. Things just did not go our way in the end," Stanton said.

Mendez was one of the five in the lineup to kick. He visualized the goal before kicking, tried not to look up at the goalie, and aimed toward the side.

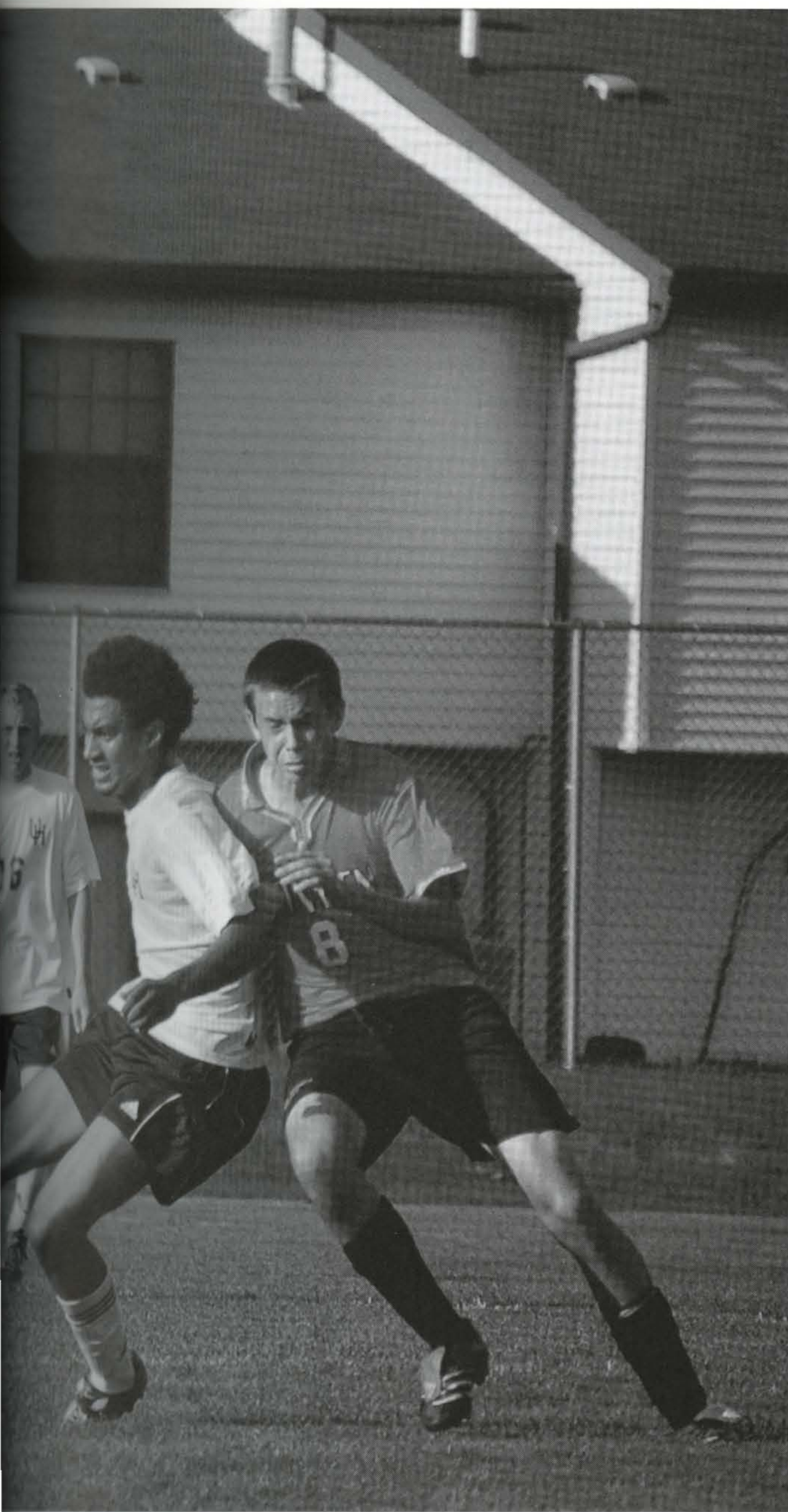
"I was glad I made it. Penalty kicks are tough because I think about them too much. I have to be confident," Mendez said.

Senior Mitch Rogers missed his shot, so Wardlow had to block the next Centennial kick to continue the game. Once the ball rolled into the net, the Centennial fans stormed the field, leaving the Pioneers stunned.

"I was mad to see the whole season end like that. All the conditioning and hard work doesn't matter in penalty kicks," Brooks said.

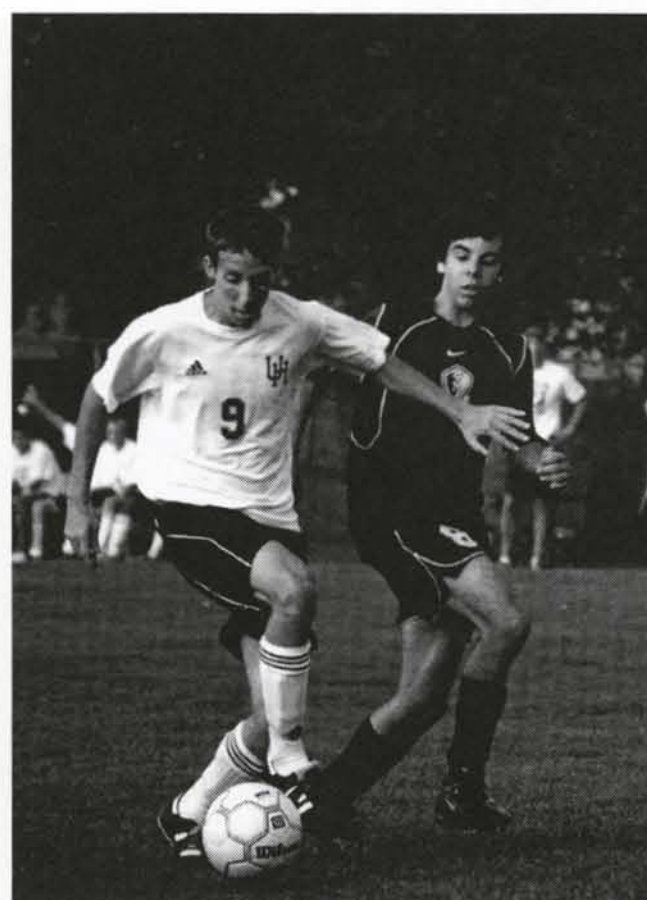
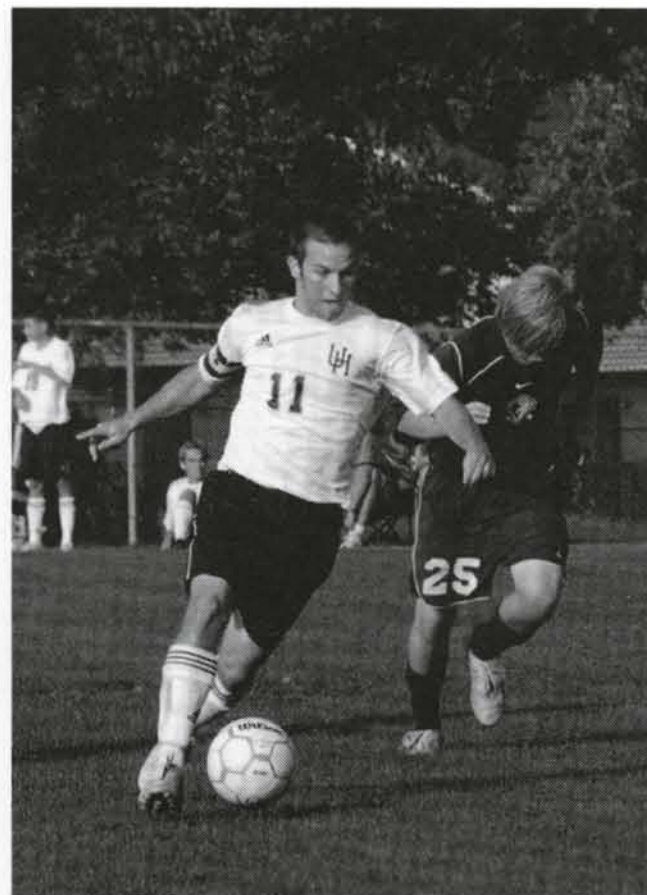






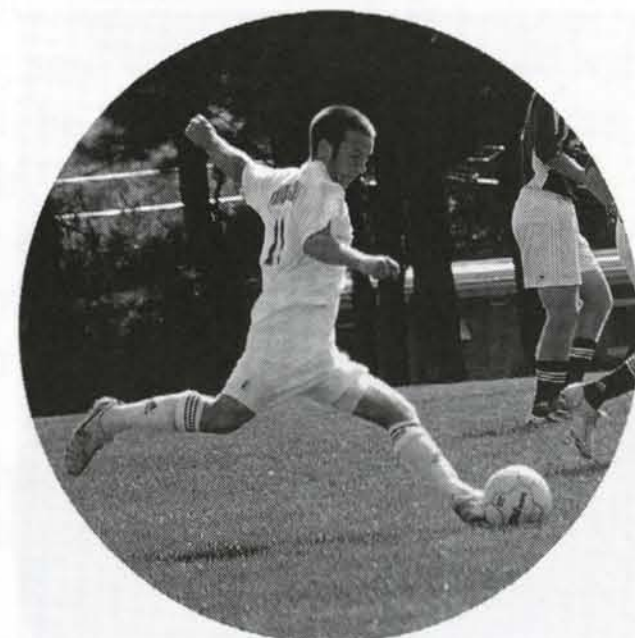
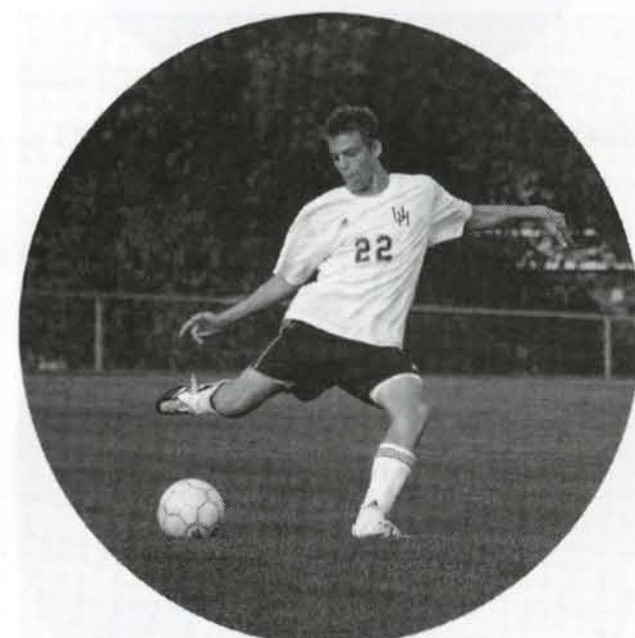
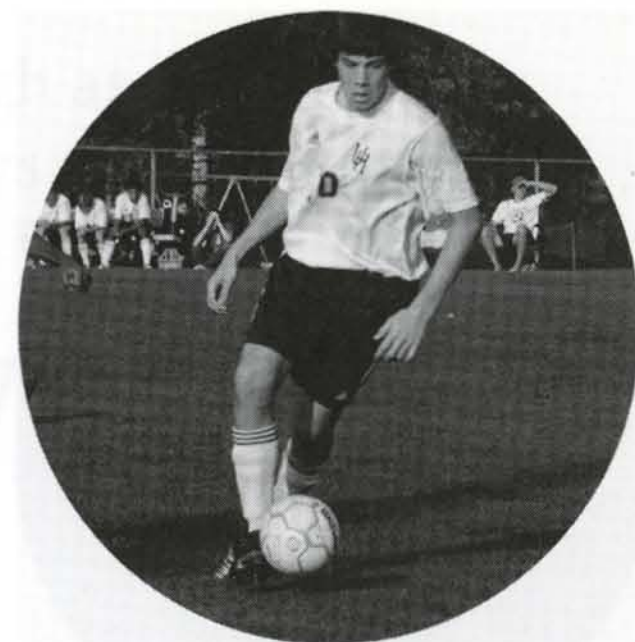
Left: Junior Stefan Brooks fights for the ball with the opponent.  
Photo by Lindsey Turner.

Below: Senior Zach Wall pummels past the competition.  
Photo by Rachel Solava.



Above: Senior Craig Hoskins takes the ball from the opponent.  
Photo by Rachel Solava.

Left: Junior Stefan Brooks kicks the ball down the field.  
Photo by Lindsey Turner.



Sophomore goalie Cole Wardlow was injured during the first soccer game of the season when an opponent kneed him in the kidney.

"I thought I was fine, so I played the rest of the game," Wardlow said.

Wardlow went to the hospital after the game and was told he had a grade three laceration which did not require surgery, but he had to be on bed rest.

After missing more than half of the season, Wardlow returned to the team with only additional padding worn around his waist to protect his kidneys. Coach Jeremy Stanton was pleased when Wardlow came back to the field.

"His level of intensity and effort did not change after his injury," Stanton said.  
By: Rachel Solava



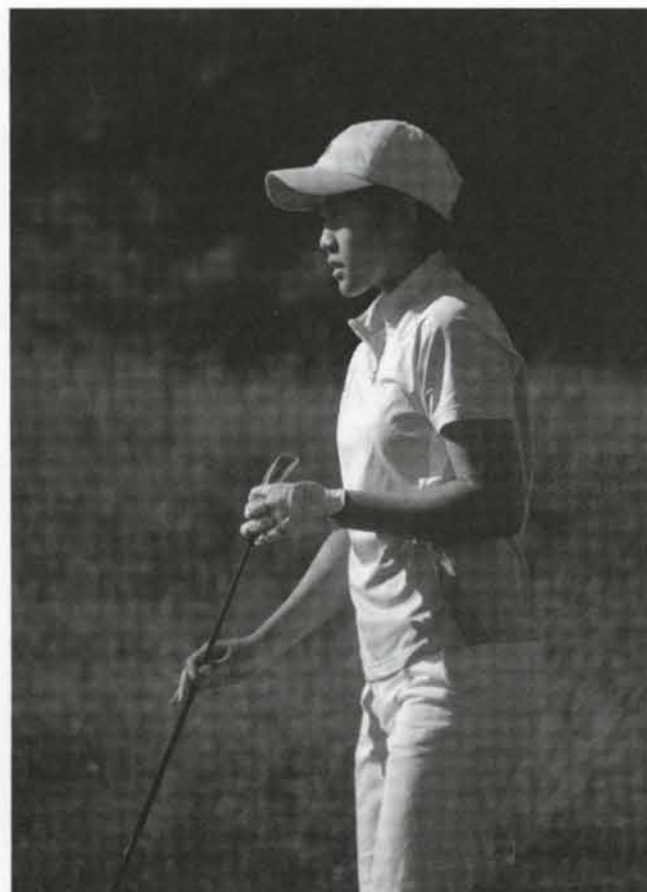


Right: Senior Cheryl Liang watches her shot as she follows through on her swing.

Photo by Matt Shrier

Below: Senior Cheryl Liang prepares for on her next shot.

Photo by Matt Shrier



Becoming the girls golf state champions for the third consecutive year was a great ending for both the seniors and coach Cal Hubbard.

"This year was some of our toughest competition that we have faced," senior Kaitlyn Wampler said.

The senior class alone has only lost once, which was at state their freshman year.

"This year's team was amazing, talented, and very hardworking," Hubbard said. "To win state is an amazing accomplishment and the golf program only started 19 years ago."

Despite the pressure, the team managed to pull through and win their third consecutive state title.

By: Michelle Fluty



Above: Senior Kaitlyn Wampler focuses on making her putt.

Photo by Matt Shrier

Right: Senior Chelsea Harris marks her ball on the green.

Photo by Matt Shrier





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# FINAL FAREWELL

By: Sarah Capodice

Sand traps and rough greens are only some of the obstacles the senior members of the girls golf team have faced over the past four years. Coach Cal Hubbard has taught them far more valuable lessons, such as how to deal with the hardships of life. With three consecutive state titles, the team has proven they know about the difficulties of golf.

"It's been a pleasure, it's been an honor. You don't get many groups like this," Hubbard said.

This year was particularly sentimental because Hubbard resigned as the head coach. In addition, seniors Kaitlyn Wampler, Janelle Galloway, Chelsea Harris, and Cheryl Liang will say goodbye to the team that has taught them so much.

"I didn't really know if I wanted to come to U-High as a freshman, but golf made it so much more enjoyable," Kaitlyn said. "I'll always remember being part of such a great team."

Every girl on the team said they felt personally close to Hubbard, and his coaching helped not only their game, but their outlook on life.

"He's like a second father," Galloway said. "He may be tough on boy's basketball, but he's soft on us. He knows our feelings are different, and he's always there for us."

Freshman Lauren English and sophomore Jenna Wampler also spoke of their personal rela-

tionship with Hubbard.

"Coach Hubbard has taught me to believe in myself," Jenna said. "He's a really good coach and a really good person."

While Hubbard is unsure of where the program will continue in future years, English is optimistic about next year's team.

"Coach Hubbard is a big contributor to our success, but we'll be okay," English said.

Hubbard helped the girls to learn the true meaning of acceptance.

"I was really emotional as a freshman; I couldn't get over bad holes," Liang said. "Coach Hubbard helped me to move on. There will be hardships in life, just like there are bad holes in golf."

Aside from their exceptional coaching, the undefeated team had another remarkable season. Both Hubbard and the girls agreed that they felt the pressure to succeed.

"It's hard to be the best," Hubbard said. "Other people are constantly holding you up to emulation and ridicule."

Hubbard attributed the girls' enormous success to the balance of players. Having six players who all had the ability to be one of the counting scores, and the fact that each player stepped up at different times during the season was what made the team so successful, he said.

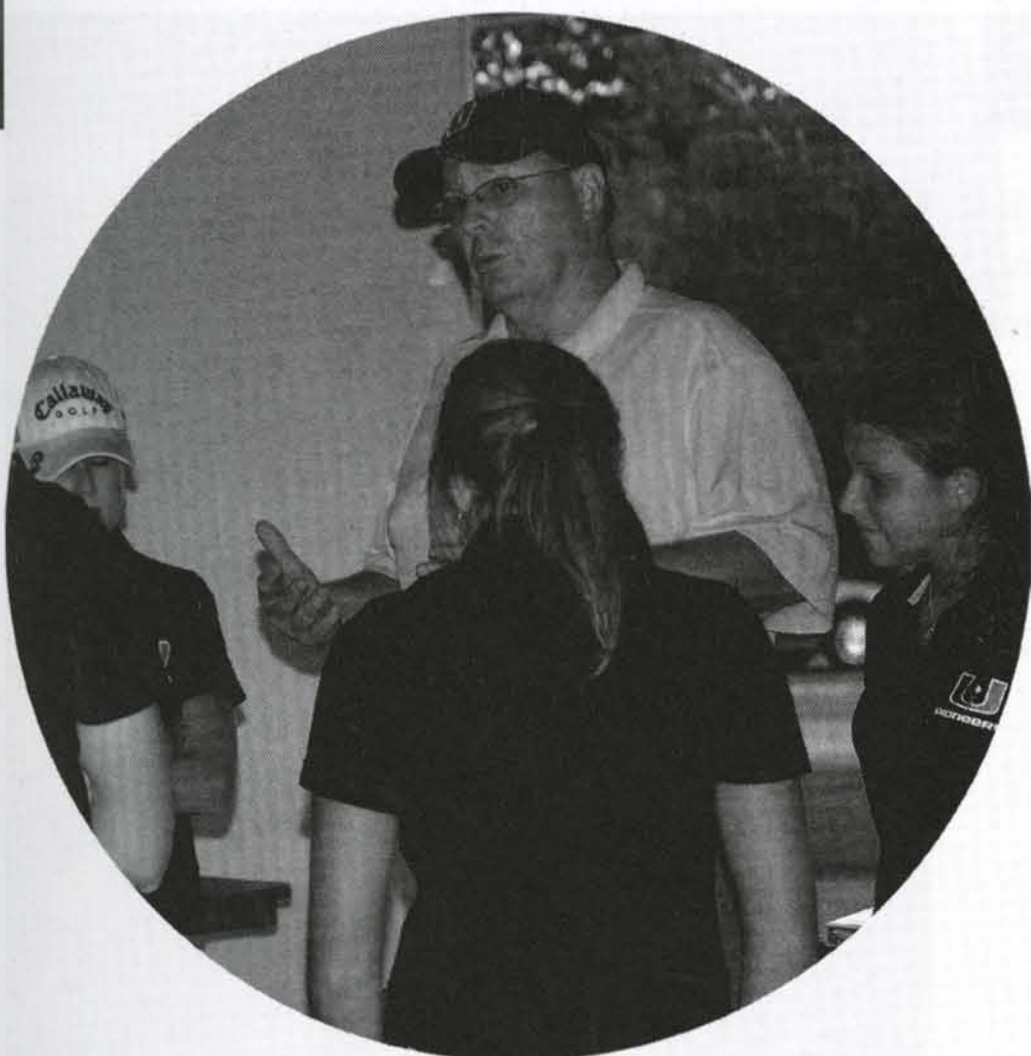
"The senior girls are the best group I've ever coached from an ability, work ethic, and commitment standpoint," Hubbard said.

The girls all played well at the state tournament, and both Hubbard and the girls felt they handled the pressure well.

"State is a completely different environment from any other tournament, not only for yourself, but for five other girls," Harris said.

Despite this being the last high school tournament for the seniors, Hubbard hopes the memories and bonds will last longer than the prestige of the state title.

"When I look back on the last four years, I'll see the girls' smiles," he said. "My memories will be more about them as kids and the obstacles they've overcome in life than as golfers."

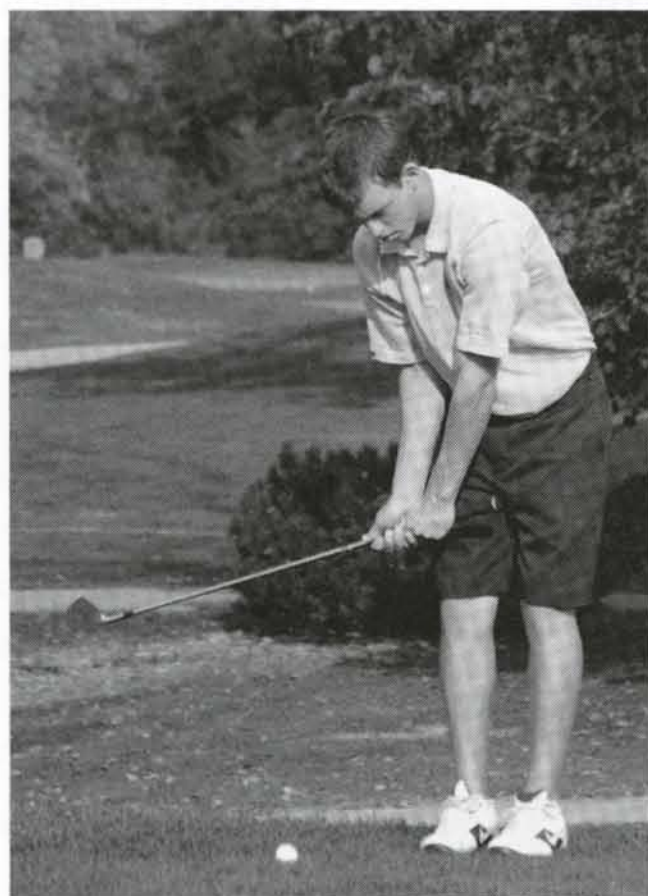






Right: Junior Kyle English follows through with his shot at the ISU golf course.

Below: Sophomore Peter McKinzie prepares to chip his shot.  
Photo by Rachel Solava.



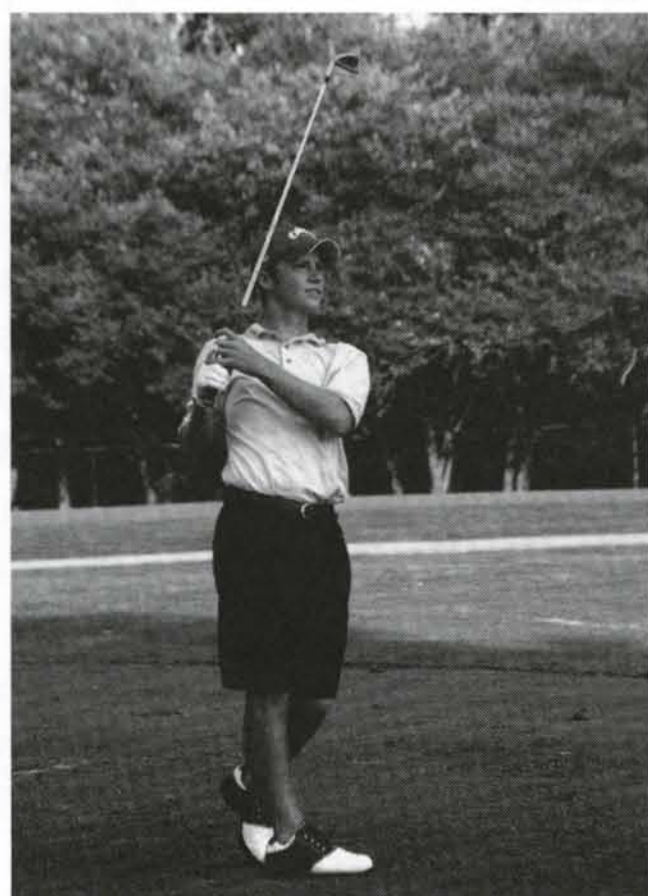
This year was Ryan Snell's first year as the boys head golf coach. Snell said the best part of coaching at U-High is the players.

"I get to have good players and good young adults. They are gentlemen on and off the course," Snell said.

With Snell as the new coach, the boys saw a change in coaching style. Snell, a golf pro, said he liked to work more on the fundamentals of the game. This was a change from coach Romance's focus on the psychological aspect.

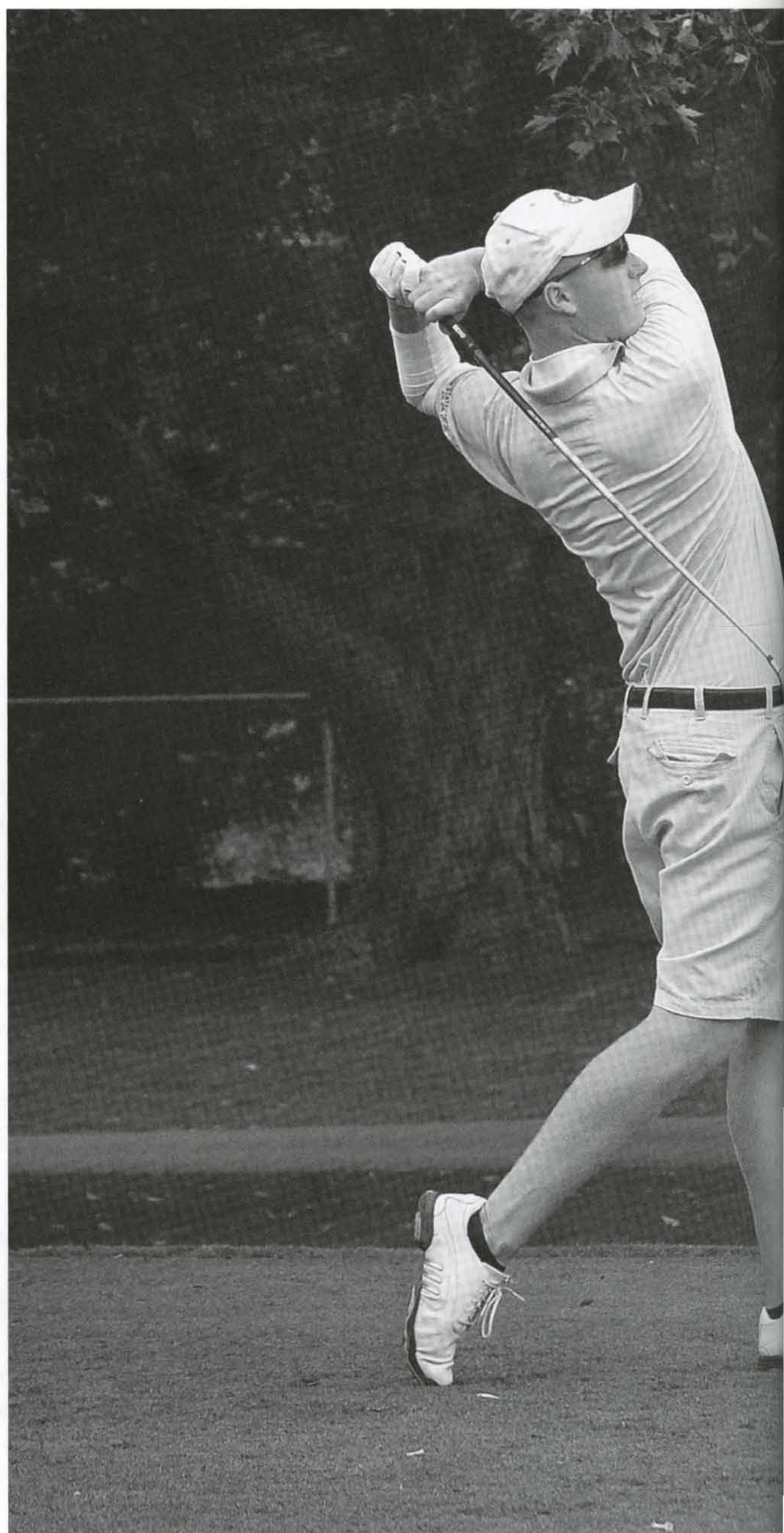
"I think that threw the boys a curve. We've done a lot of things different this year," Snell said.

By: Alyssa Humphreys



Above: Senior Eric Meier watches his shot at the ISU golf course.  
Photo by Rachel Solava.

Right: The boys golf team accept honors after winning the state championship.  
Photo by Renee Demont.





"I love really being able to compete, knowing that people are always trying to beat us." Senior Sean Dozier

# MISSING LINKS

By: Alyssa Humphreys

The refreshing mist comforts senior Sean Dozier as he steps up to the first tee. Despite nerves and a rain delay, Dozier is ready to begin his qualifying round of golf for the Illinois State Amateur Tournament.

After a disappointing qualifying round at the ISU course, Dozier assumed he was done. He was soon notified that he not only qualified, but was one of the youngest golfers that advanced to the next round of the tournament.

"Before I found out, I felt like just breaking my clubs and quitting," Dozier said.

During the week Dozier was playing in this noteworthy tournament, his teammates at U-High were at try-outs, preparing for one of the biggest tournaments of the season.

Junior Kyle English also missed the start of the season after qualifying for the Illinois Amateur with Dozier, as well as the U.S. Amateur in San Francisco, CA.

"It was very different playing against

the top players in the world," English said.

Although the team suffered losses due to the absence of Dozier and English, Dozier knew it was worth it.

"I knew that if I wanted to play in college, I needed to play in that tournament," Dozier said.

New head coach Ryan Snell also saw their absence beneficial to the team. He said the other players saw it as a strength that Dozier and English could compete in tournaments out of state.

"It's amazing in itself. I've been a part of watching them grow, but you can't be awestruck," Snell said.

With English and Dozier gone, many of the JV players were given the opportunity to experience playing at the varsity level. This change in the line-up helped with the group synergy and made for a great season.

"Kyle and I being gone gave the younger players on the team a chance to get experience playing in varsity tournaments," Dozier said. "When we got back, the team really clicked."

Although senior Eric Meier and Dozier were captains, they were certainly not the only ones contributing to the success of the team.

"I like to think that Sean and I have done a good job as captains, but there isn't just one person who takes charge. Even underclassmen can come in and help the others out," Meier said.

After a rough start to the season, the boys golf team managed to get back to their status quo. With many new faces, including a new head coach, the team put together another solid line-up for the season.

This year's team was not only undefeated, but they broke one school record and tied another.

"I love really being able to compete, knowing that people are always trying to beat us," Dozier said.





"Caity has really brought our team together this year. She is a great role model as a dancer and a person." Sophomore Kathryn Hill

# TAKING THE LEAD

By: Chelsea Bakaitis

One... two... three... four... Circle, circle, step right, turn, leap, spin. Don't forget to smile. The rhythm running through the U-High dance team is steady, with a compelling, unified harmony.

Being a member of this team takes a lot of commitment. The season is seven months long, beginning in September and ending in March. Practice is two hours, twice a week, but on top of that, senior captain Caity Baugh and junior captain Brionna King often call extra practices after school.

"We have a great time at practice even when we are working hard," junior Katie Telling said. "I love performing and just dancing in general."

The team has to work together in order for the routine to be perfectly synchronized. Baugh, the only senior on the team, has played a key part in helping the routines run like clockwork.

"I will miss Caity's positive energy and supportive, caring qualities toward her teammates," coach Laurie Merriman said. "She has always been the individual on the team to bring treat bags and to plan extra gatherings, building a solid comradery throughout the team."

Merriman chooses captains that can lead on many levels.

King said she had new responsibilities leading the team as a captain.

"More is expected out of you because you have to lead by example," she said.

This year, Baugh had double the responsibility because she had the most experience dancing.

"I have had a lot of fun leading the girls. Being the only senior made me take my responsibilities more seriously," Baugh said.

The other members of the team appreciated this extra effort.

"Caity has really brought our team together this year. She is a great role model as a dancer and a person," sophomore Kathryn Hill said.

The effect of outside-of-practice-get-togethers is evident.

"There are no 'divas.' The team as a whole is quite talented and easy to work with," Merriman said.

The dance team performs at half-time during football and basketball games, to demonstrate the technique and hard work that went into developing the dance routine.

"I was really nervous at first, but after I danced a few times I got used to it," junior Sierra Anders said. Anders has been dancing since her sophomore year, but even Baugh, who's been performing since she was 10, admits performing can be daunting.

"It's always a little scary when you walk into the gym, but once the music starts, it all goes away and you just have fun with it," Baugh said. "It's very exciting to be able to show your peers how hard you have worked and how fun dancing can be."

Being able to show off the hours in practice and years of dance is one of the most rewarding parts of this team.

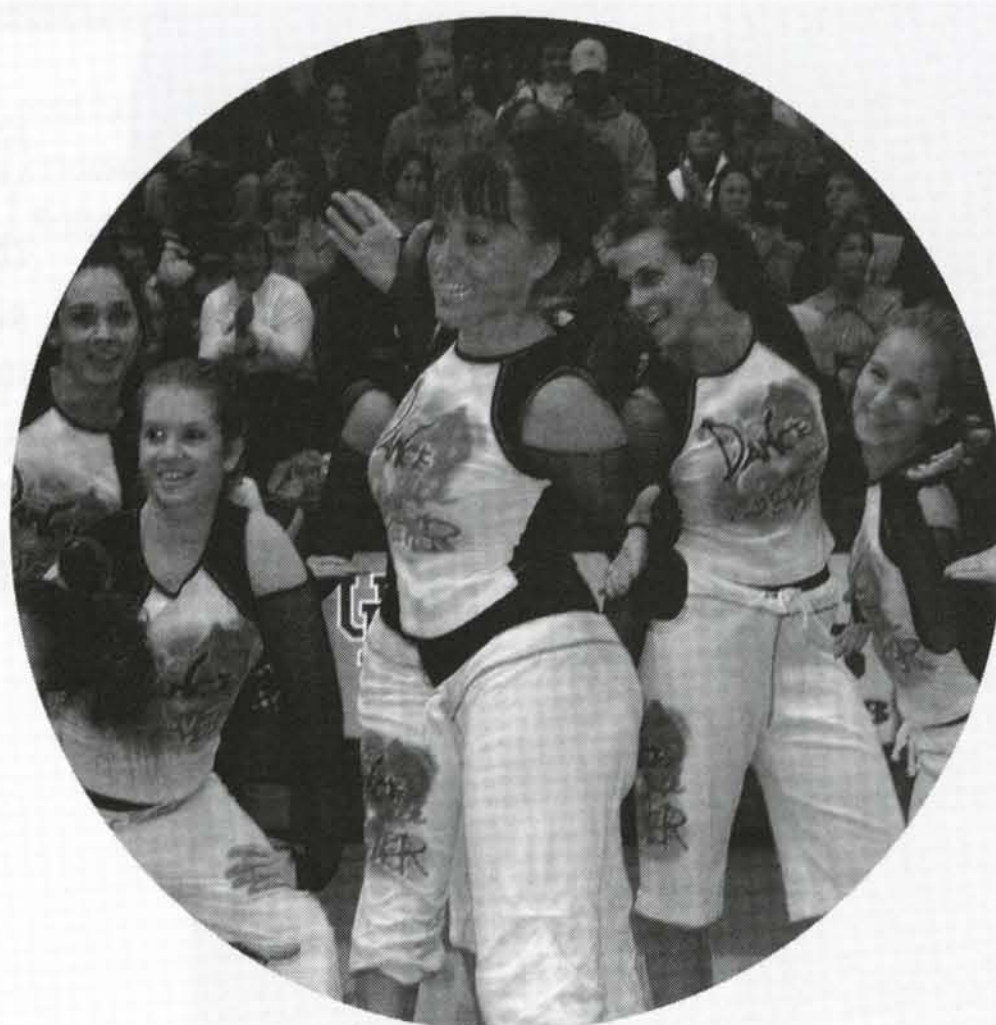
"Performing is a lot of fun because it's what we work so hard for," Hill said.

Straying away from traditional poms routines, the team had to learn new styles of dance that added uniqueness and interest to the show.

"I love learning new choreography," Telling said.

Choreographing dances is King's favorite part of dance team. As captains, she and Baugh choreographed a dance for the basketball season called "Shake."

"Dance is the one sport that I have always loved entirely. I can't imagine life without dancing!" Baugh said.

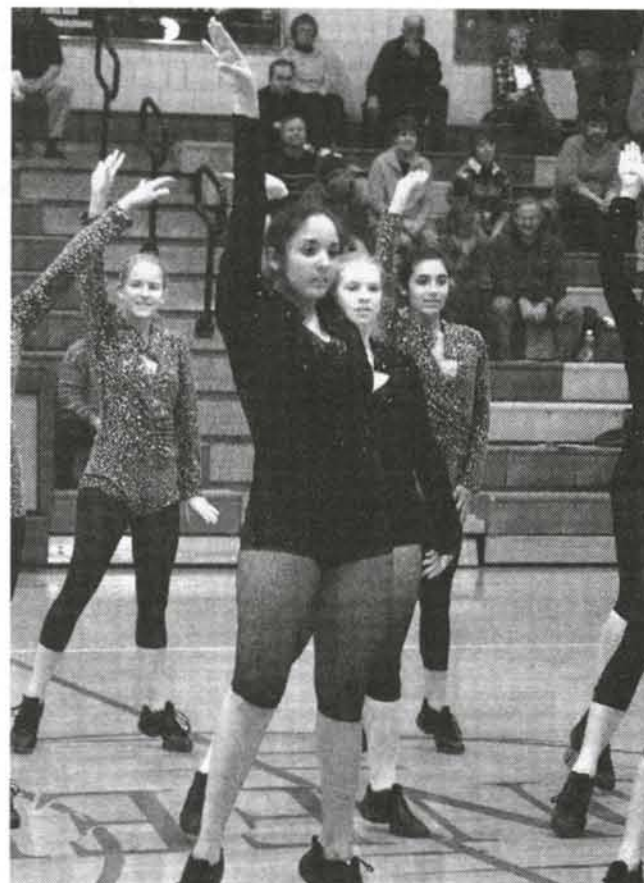






Left: Freshman Kelsey Larson and senior Caity Baugh show off their dance moves.  
Photo by Rachel Solava.

Below: Junior Brionna King performs at a basketball game.  
Photo by Chris Ashley.



Coach Laurie Merri-  
man believes the captains of  
dance team don't necessarily  
need to be seniors, but she  
thinks Baugh has enough  
dance and leadership skills to  
be a good captain.

"The first year I  
coached [the dance team],  
neither of the captains were  
seniors," she said.

With only one senior  
on the team, the younger  
members have had to step  
up during practices.

"Some younger  
dancers have more confi-  
dence and tend to lead prac-  
tice in my absence," Merriman  
said. "Some others have less  
confidence and tend not to  
work as hard."


By: Madeline Andre



Above: Freshman Kelsey Larson  
leads the dance team  
Photo by Rachel Solava.

Left: The dance team  
performs at halftime of the  
football game.  
Photo by Lindsey Butorac.





It seemed almost an overnight change from falling leaves and moderately warm temperatures to blizzards of snow and streets of slush. The sudden alteration in weather was not the only thing U-High students faced as they prepared for the fierce winter ahead.

Seniors were trapped under avalanches of college applications and homework, anxiously awaiting the salvation of Winter Break. Athletes turned up the heat during their winter season. For the first time in decades, the speech team conquered their competition at the regional and sectional levels.

Perhaps the lowest point of the winter season was not the weather, but rather the departure of office receptionist and Nurse Nikki Hill. The office was given a fresh face shortly after break, and the student body adjusted to the change.

As the clock kept on ticking, students became more and more efficient with the technology devices used daily in the classroom. Students also became more and more aware that their time at U-High was dwindling.

With adulthood just on the horizon and the prospect of college just around the corner, many U-High students began counting the days until graduation. Others, however, were contented to simply admire the refreshing frost.

By: Alex Kraft



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# REBOUNDDING RIVALS

"I just don't see any other game on the schedule that can get us this pumped up and ready to play." Senior Molly Kaisner

By: EJ Schiller

Before the start of a season, most teams make a list of goals to help monitor their success throughout the year. This was no different for this year's U-High girls basketball team. Their list of goals included the usual: win conference, win Regionals, Sectionals, and State. One unique goal was to sweep U-High's most rivaled school, Central Catholic.

The girls first took on the rival Saints in the Intercity Tournament on November 16 in a game full of excitement and clutch shots. Sophomore Alyssa Palmer drained a 25-foot three-pointer with seconds to go to put the game into overtime. This gave the momentum to the Pioneers and enabled them to come back and take the game 50-44.

This led them to a championship title in the Intercity Tournament.

"Obviously we want to win every game, but beating Central Catholic is almost better than winning Intercity," senior Laurel Benson said.

The next contest with the Saints came after a rough Holiday Classic outing. The girls reiterated their mindset on defense due to the poor showing and took it to Central Catholic for a second time this season.

The ladies didn't need an extra overtime period this time and won with a convincing 58-49 score on their home court.

Senior Molly Kaisner said these two wins were especially enjoyable because she came from a Central Catholic middle school but decided to come to U-High.

"Having to listen to their fans heckle us for so long made it feel really good when they shut up because we beat them in both games," Kaisner said.

Benson said both of the wins came at a very timely period.

"We wanted to start the season off well and did that with an early Corn Belt conference win and after a tough winter tournament, we really needed a stretch of good games," she said.

After that first win, the Pioneers went on a stretch to win eight of the next nine. The second win against Central helped them to win eight of the next eleven.

"I just don't see any other game on the schedule that can get us this pumped up and ready to play," Kaisner said.

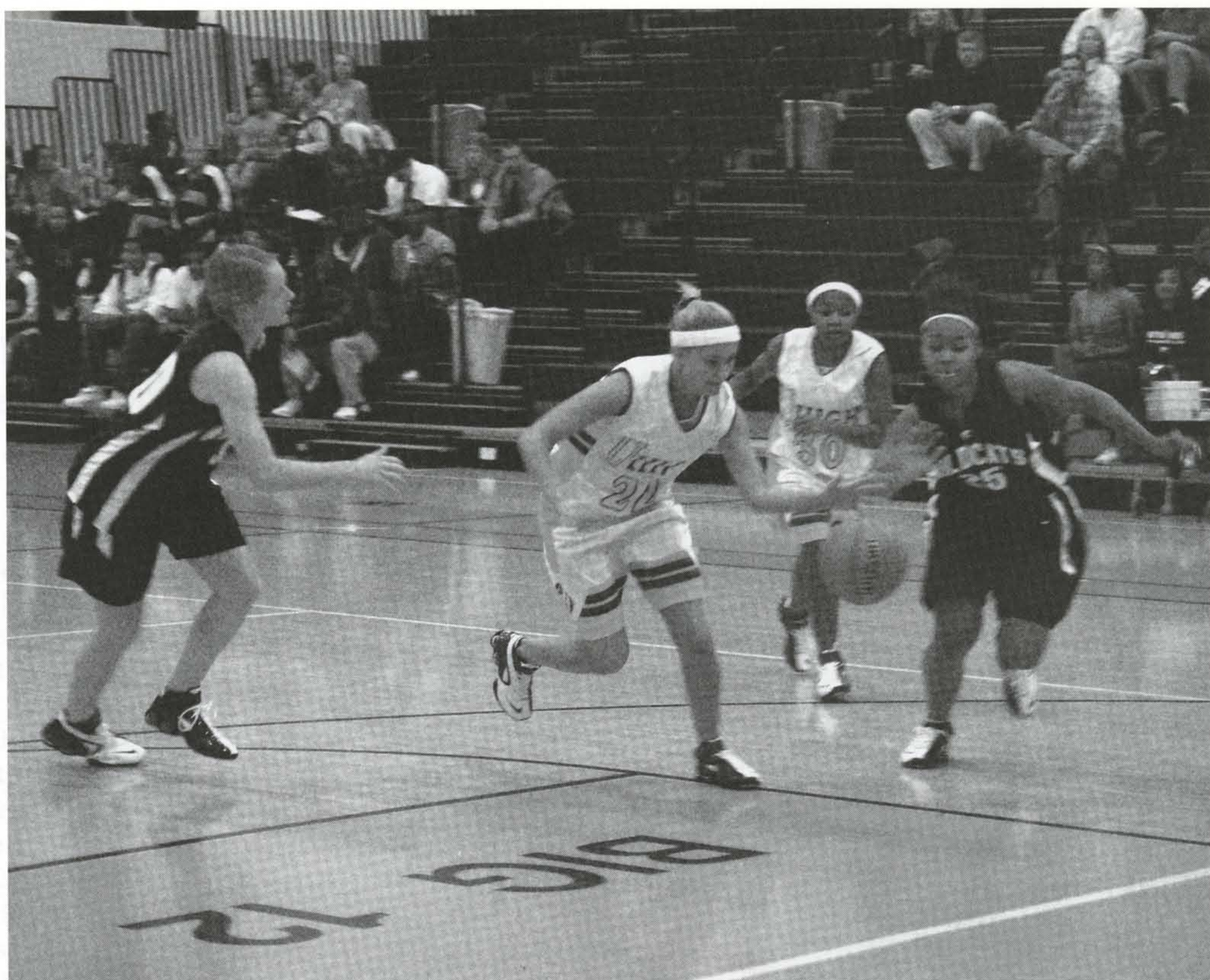
The girls ended up with a record of 21-8 and 13-1 in the Corn Belt while winning the Intercity Tournament, Corn Belt conference, and a Regional title along the way.

Although the goals of winning a Sectional and State title weren't accomplished, everyone knows when you're a Pioneer, sweeping Central Catholic feels almost just as good.

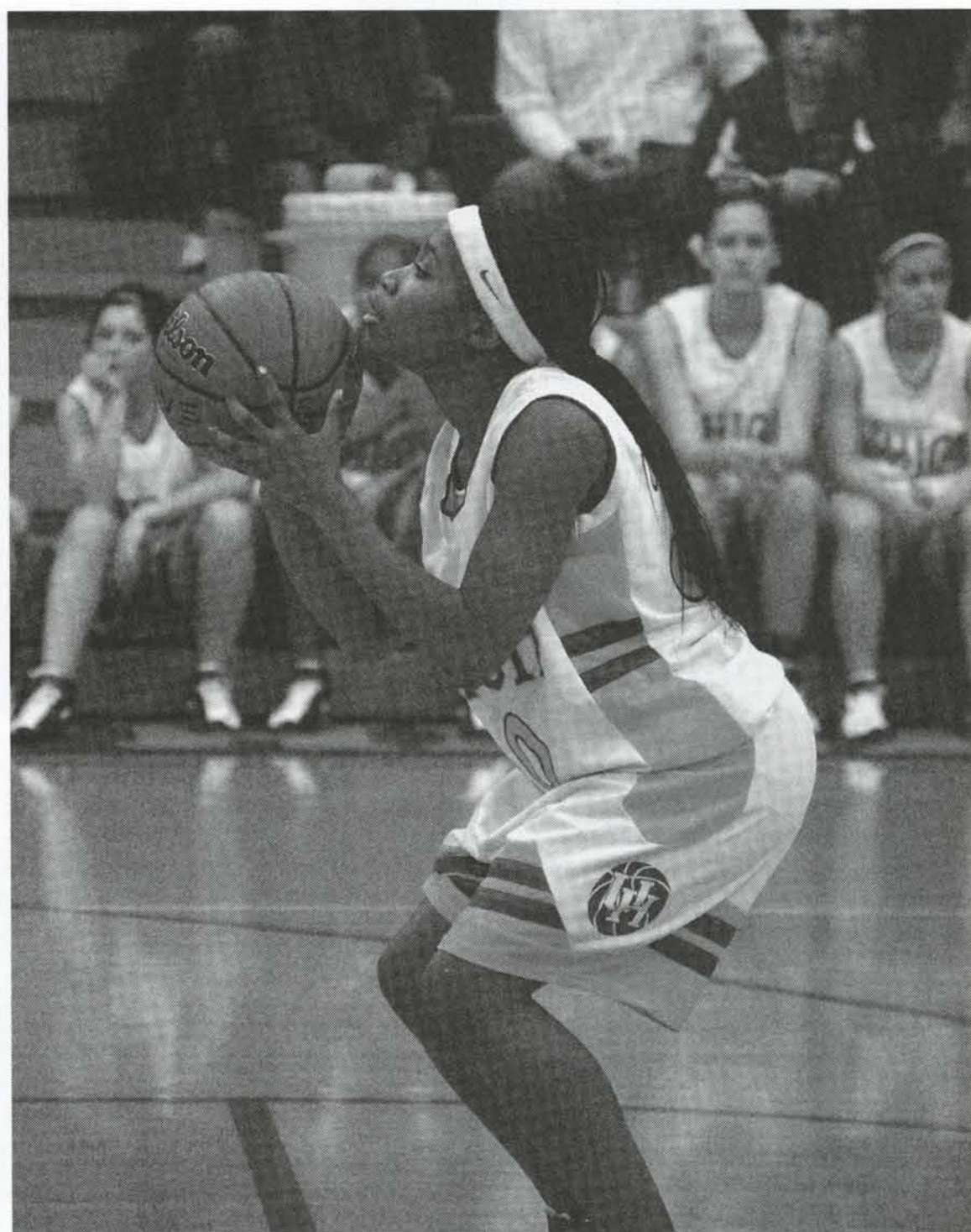




Right: Senior Molly Kaisner steals the ball from the opponent.  
Photo by Tanya Ploense.



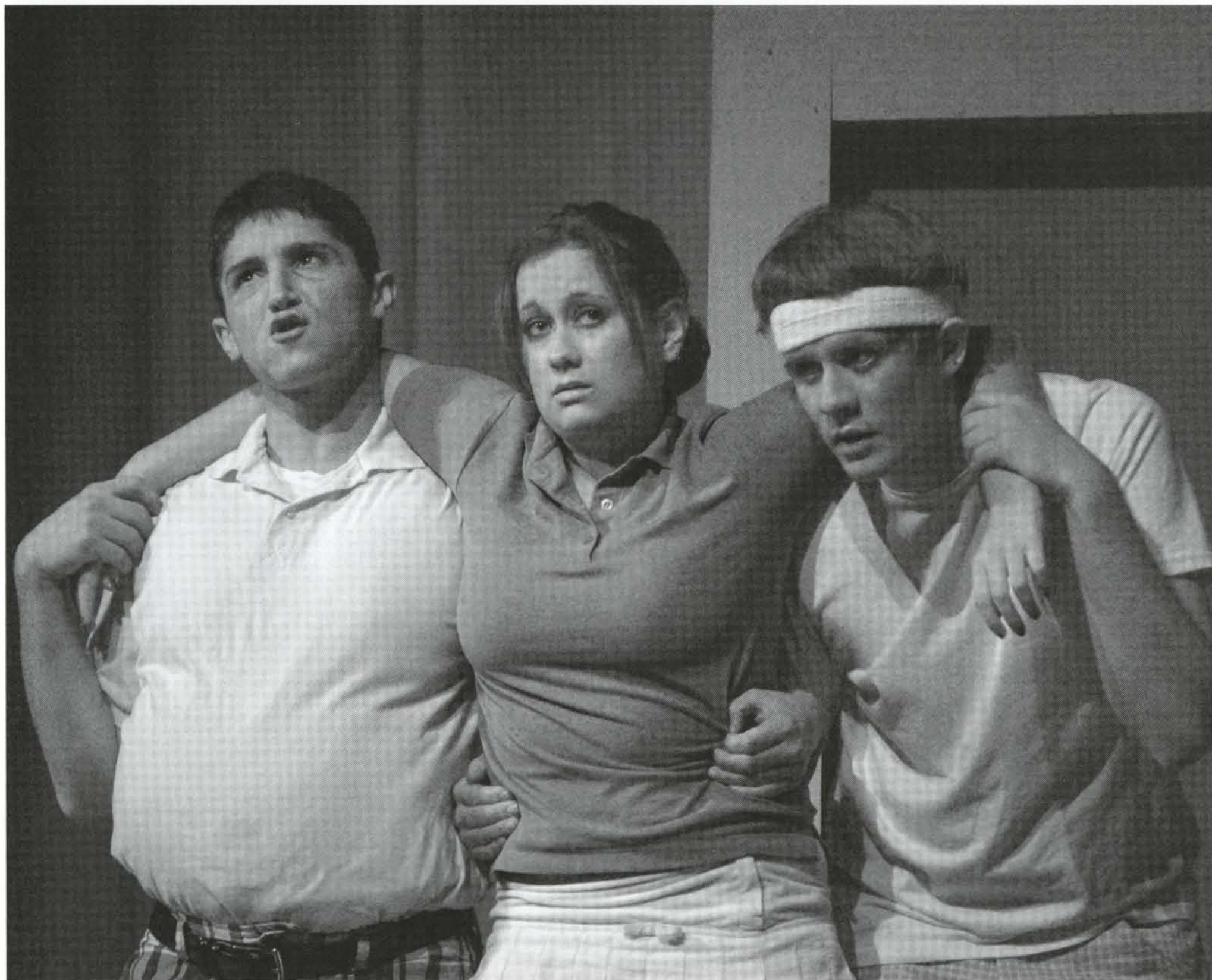
Below: Junior Kristin Judson tries to reach for the jump ball.  
Photo by Bryant Carlson.



Above: Junior Tenisha Brown concentrates on shooting her free throw.  
Photo by Kevin Rotsch.

Left: Senior Shelby Martin and Junior Kristin Judson defend the opponent.  
Photo by Chris Ashley.



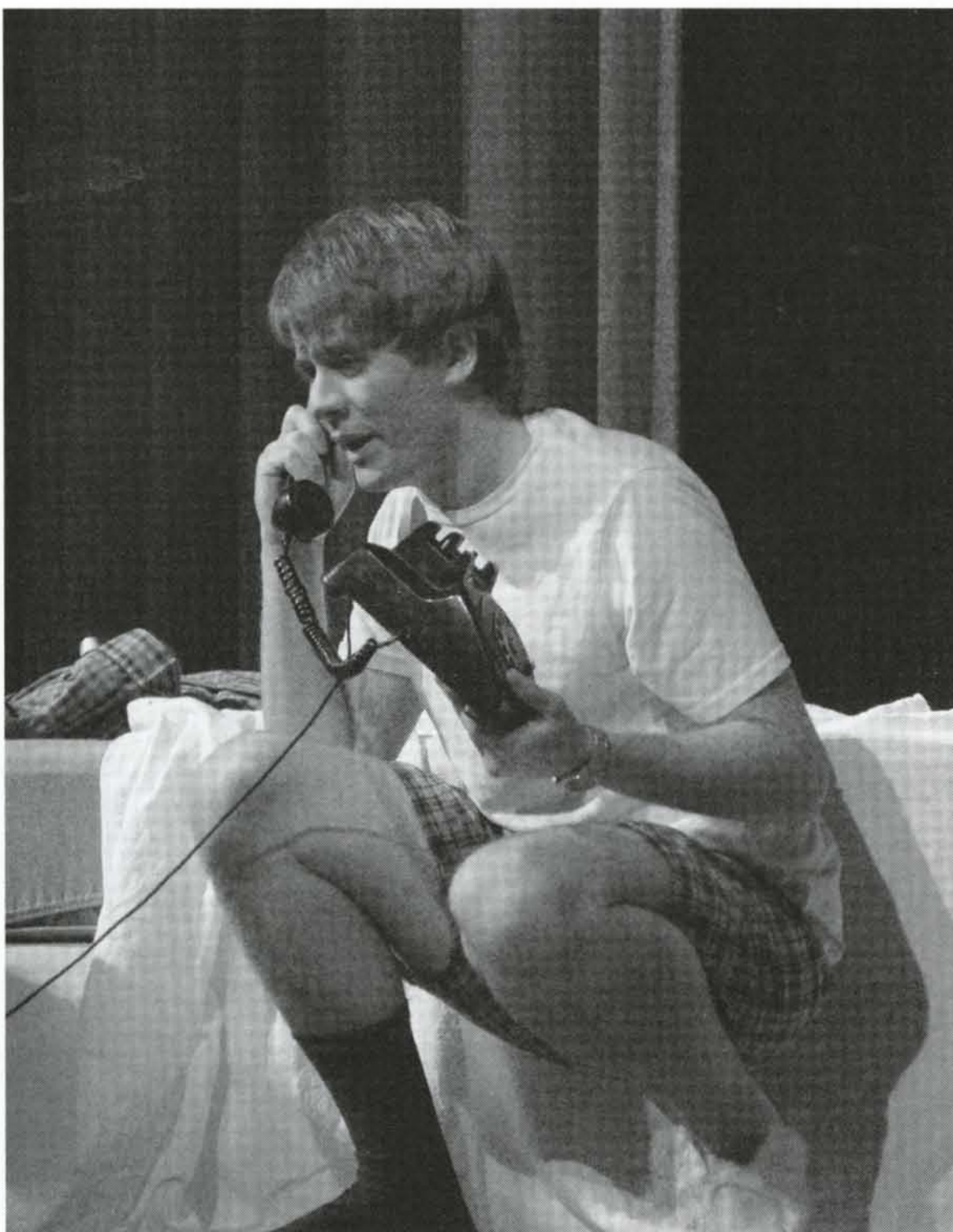
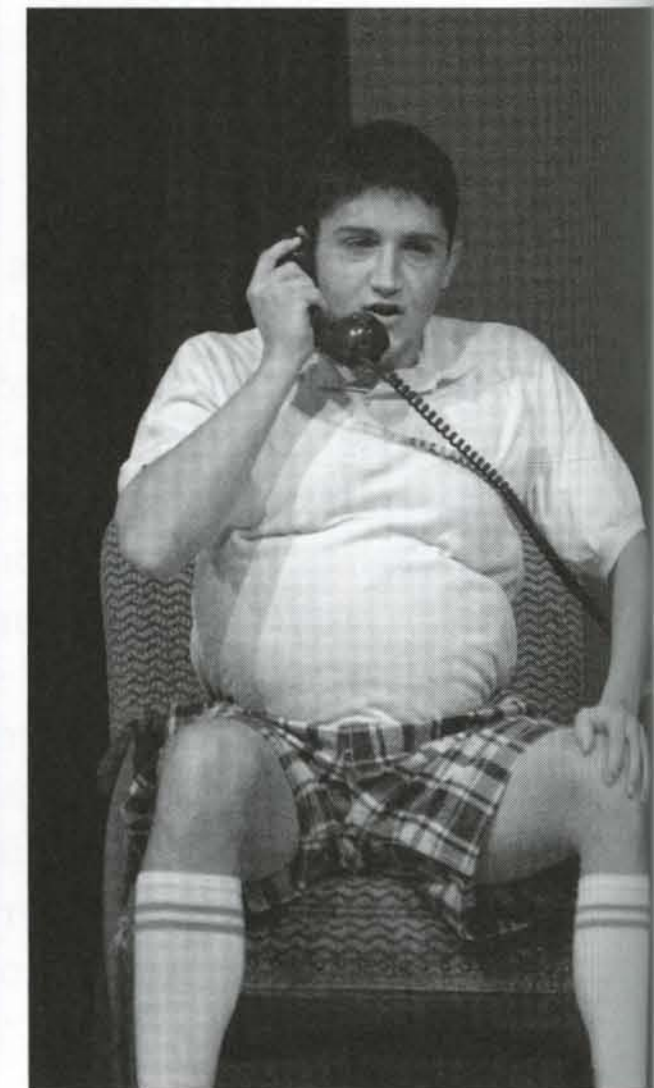


Left: Senior Dan Grieco acts along side juniors Laura Smith and Matt Stroh.

Photo by Rachel Solava.

Below: Senior Dan Grieco calls for help during his show.

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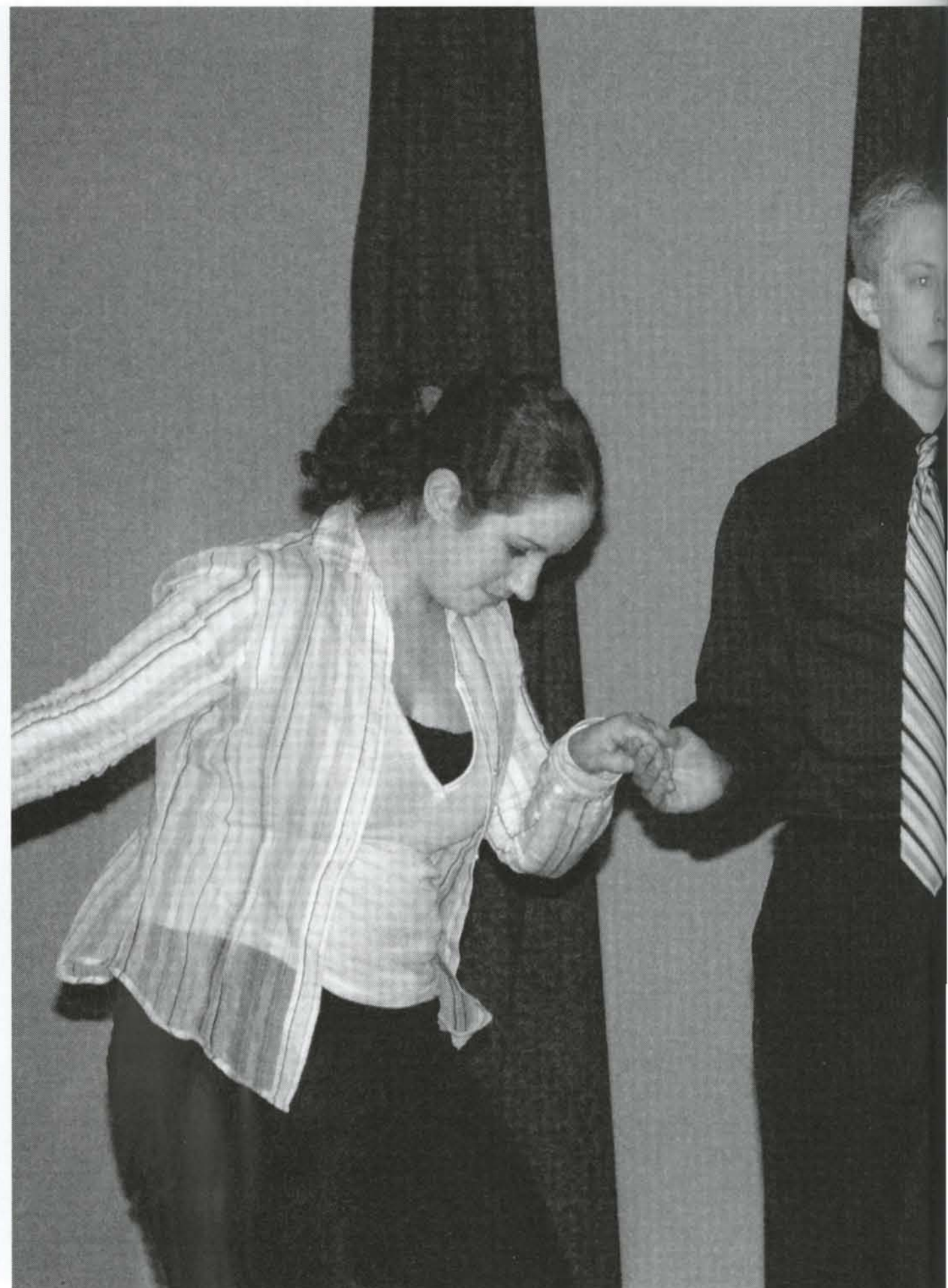


Above: Junior Matt Stroh picks up the phone in his winter one act performace.

Photo by Sara Idleman.

Right: J uniors Maggie Irvin and Casey Le dance with Stefan Zeller during their one act performace.

Photo by Sara Idleman.





# FRESH TALENT WANTED

"I had done theatre before, but I really wanted to become more involved. Being an assistant director has opened my eyes a lot." Junior Allison Vaughn

By: Alex Kraft

Junior Laura Smith walks across the stage, her stomach doing a million leaps with every step she takes. She hits her mark and the stage lights come up. All anxiety leaves her small body as she says her first line.

"That's the hardest part of the whole night, just getting that first word out," Smith said.

Most of the students who participate in these unique plays are somewhat "rookies." Smith has been an active member of the U-High theatre department for the past two years, but this is her first main stage appearance.

"Acting in Stroud is a lot more stressful than doing make-up crew," Smith said. "The audience adds a whole different perspective to the theatre experience."

The actors aren't the only students who were somewhat new to theatre. Junior Allison Vaughn, who was a production stage manager, has been involved in theatre, but never at this capacity.

"I had done theatre before, but I really wanted to become more involved," Vaughn said. "Being an assistant director has opened my eyes a lot."

Aside from the lack of experience that these performers and technicians have the most challenging part of participating in the winter one acts is working with student directors. The theatre education 216 students are in charge of every aspect of the shows; from casting to costumes, to set design and lighting.

"Working with the ISU directors was really fun," freshman Natalie Bowman said. "It gave me a chance to get more experience without the stress of putting on a huge show."

Aside from a few scheduling issues and a three-week time constraint, the winter one acts were a true display of comedy and talent.

"The time we spend in Stroud is time I will never forget," junior Brittany Evans said.





# STRINGING TOGETHER

"Orchestra has taught me perseverance to stick with something. It's given me a passion." Freshman Jake Oakley

By: Sarah Capodice

The pull of the viola strings resonate as the soaring melody of the violins cut through the cold air of the music room. Underneath, the voluptuous cellos and deep bass move like the current below the waves. The student's bows move rhythmically yet fluidly as the conductor, Margot Ehrlich, sways in time.

It is not difficult to hear the depth and precision of each musician. However, the orchestra did not achieve their high quality over night. In the past year, the orchestra has expanded in numbers, worked with several reputable guest conductors, and proudly sent four of its members to the Honor Orchestra of America.

The students responded exceptionally well to the guest conductors, and enjoyed hearing professional opinions.

"We're able to get an idea of how other orchestras function and are run," freshman Jake Oakley said. "It's good to get an outside opinion."

Ehrlich has found that the students behave professionally and respectfully, and in turn, the conductors have been very complementary of U-High's musicians.

"The feedback we've gotten is very good, and because of that the students are inspired by what they can accomplish," she said. "It reminds me that I can expect more out of them."

The orchestra itself grew exceptionally this year, with the addition of 14 freshmen. According to junior Ji-Eun Park, the orchestra breaks into sectionals often to have more specialized time and to cope with the high level of music they've been learning. The combination of these factors has brought the orchestra together.

"This orchestra works very well together," Ehrlich said. "There's not a lot of prima donnas."

Senior Weikang Sun composed a medley of movie and game theme songs that the orchestra played at their Winter Concert. Sun's piece, was a highlight of the concert.

"It's very rewarding once the concert is over," senior Ellen Clay said. "One chorus mom told us that the orchestra was her favorite part of the concert."

Even after the stages lights have faded and the last student goes home, the musicians feel they will take something more important away from their experiences in orchestra.

"Orchestra has taught me perseverance to stick with something," Oakley said. "It's given me a passion."

Ehrlich agrees.

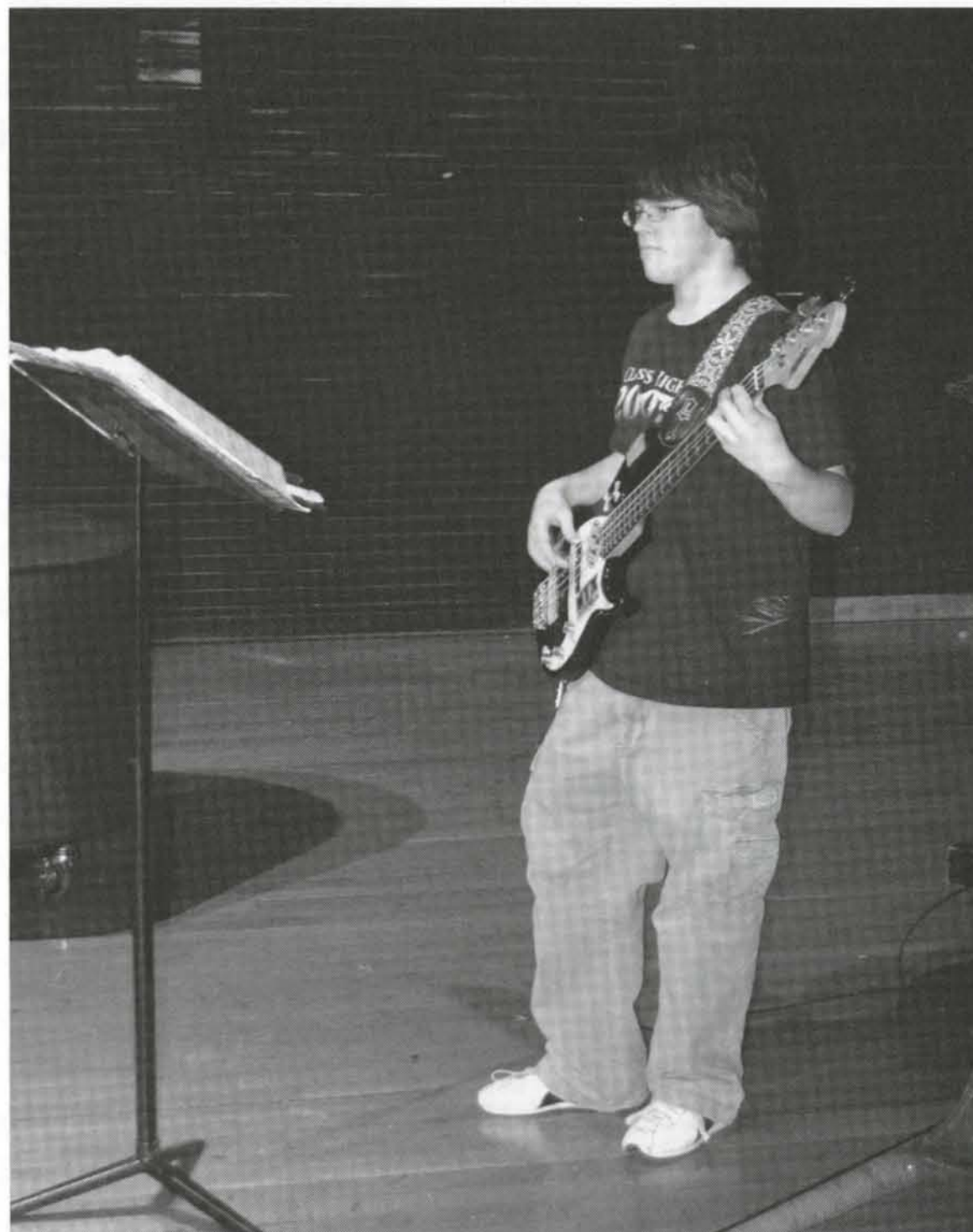
"The students are being taught the creation of art and music, and that's good for the





Right: Orchestra members practice during their classtime.  
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Below: Senior Jack Mecherle concentrates on the music at hand.



Above: Junior Peter Garret adds flare to the preformance with his guitar.

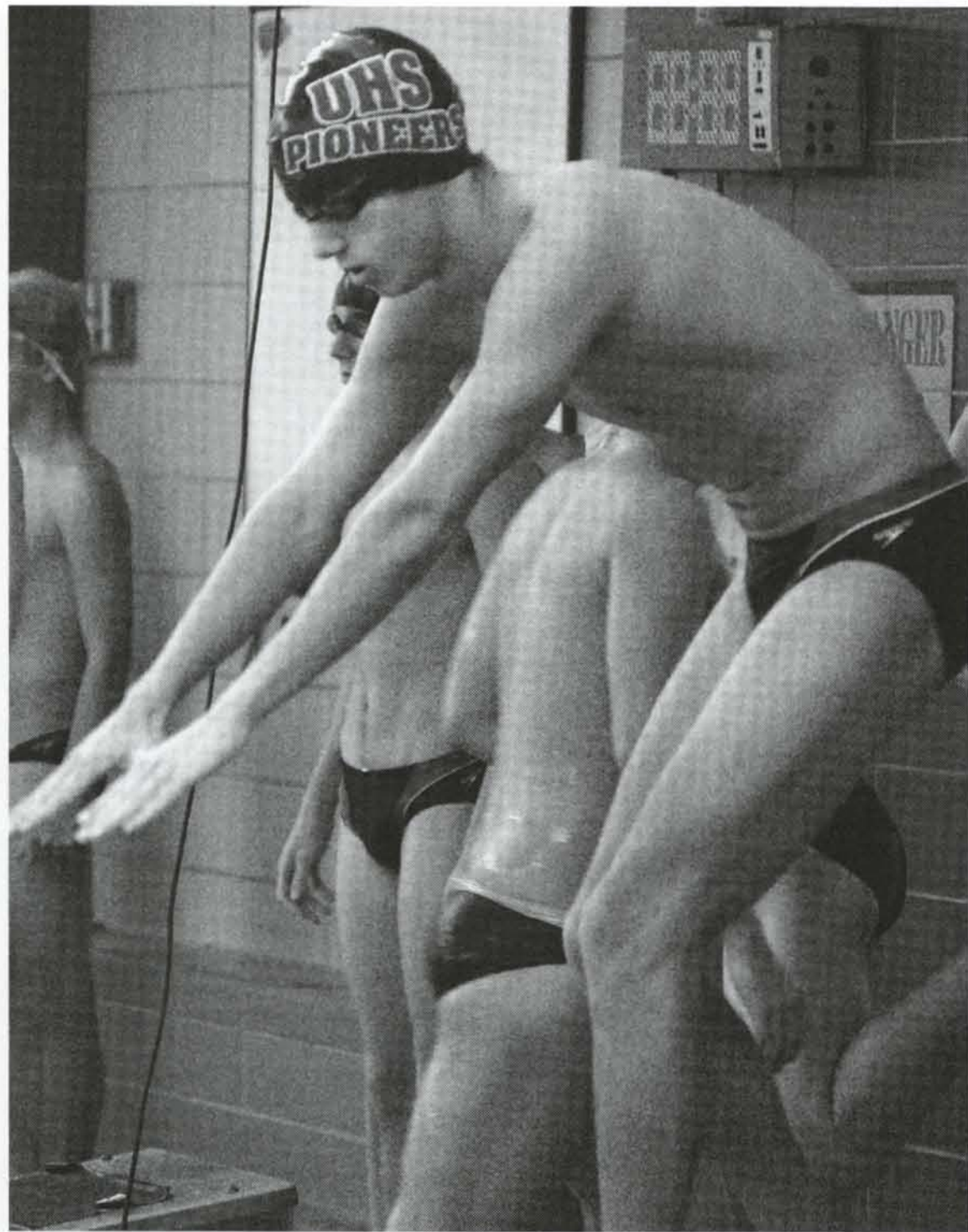
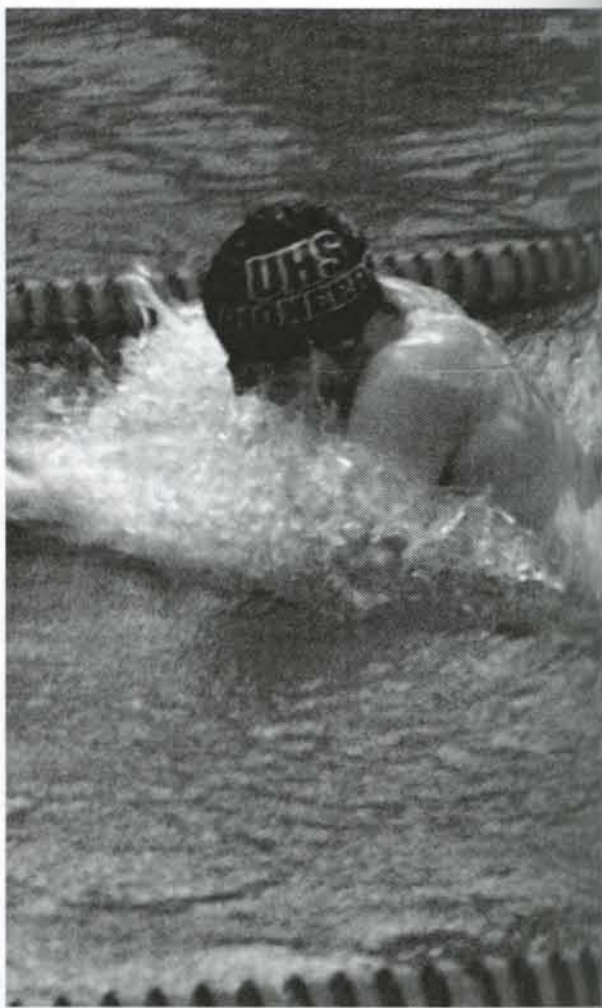
Left: A string quartet practices separately from the rest of the class.





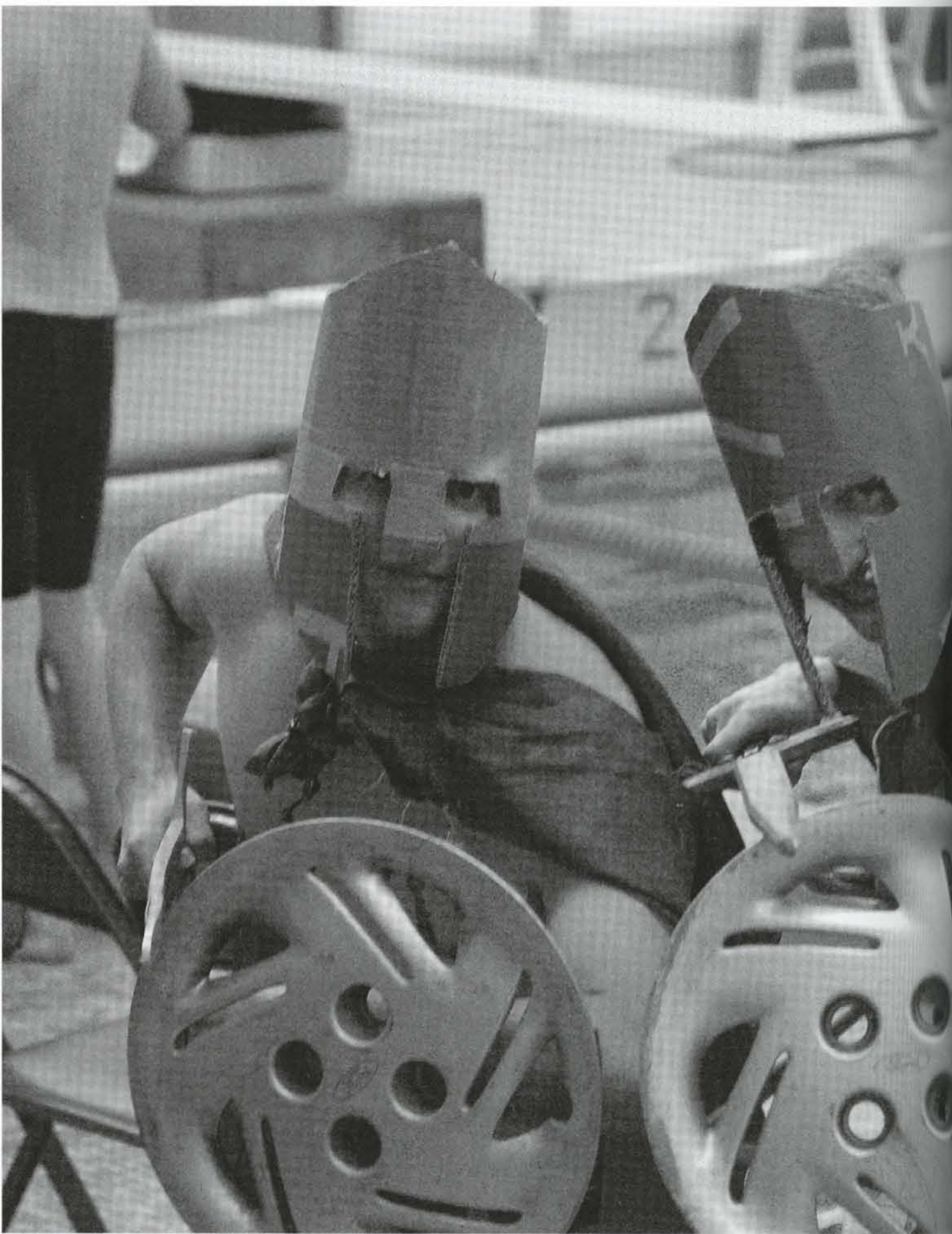
Left: The team performs a Spartan cheer before a meet.  
Photo by Bryant Carlson.

Below: Junior Sebastian Grobe swims the breaststroke.  
Photo by Liz Massey.



Above: Senior Michael Fritz prepares to jump off the starting blocks.  
Photo by Andi Peterson.

Right: Senior Anthony Duran and Nick Houska adorn homemade costumes before the meet.  
Photo by Bryant Carlson.





# TROLL BE WITH YOU

"We actually had our first state swimmer since I can remember while that troll was here." Senior Anthony Duran

By: Jim Krajewski

Among the tall, lanky swimmers in their Speedos and swim caps, an important member of the team stands out with his plastic, tan, naked body and flamboyant, pink hair. He stands only five inches tall, but he commands respect from the other team members.

This year's boys swim team had three main strengths: they performed better than previous years, they had great team spirit, and they had a small troll doll on their side.

"We're bigger than past years, the team is more involved, and we're undefeated in dual meets. I think it's going pretty good," senior captain Nick Houska said.

Houska also said he was impressed with how well the new freshmen and returning students did.

Despite 5:30am practices, doubles during winter break, and an occasional disagreement with the coach, the greatest strength for this year's swimmers was, as senior Anthony Duran put it, "their attitude."

"We have so much fun, it's amazing," he said.

Much of the team's motivation and inspiration for cheers came from the movie "300."

"Me and Duran would dress up as Spartans at swim meets and shout 'U-High, what is your profession?' and 'Tonight we dine at Hardees!'" Houska said.

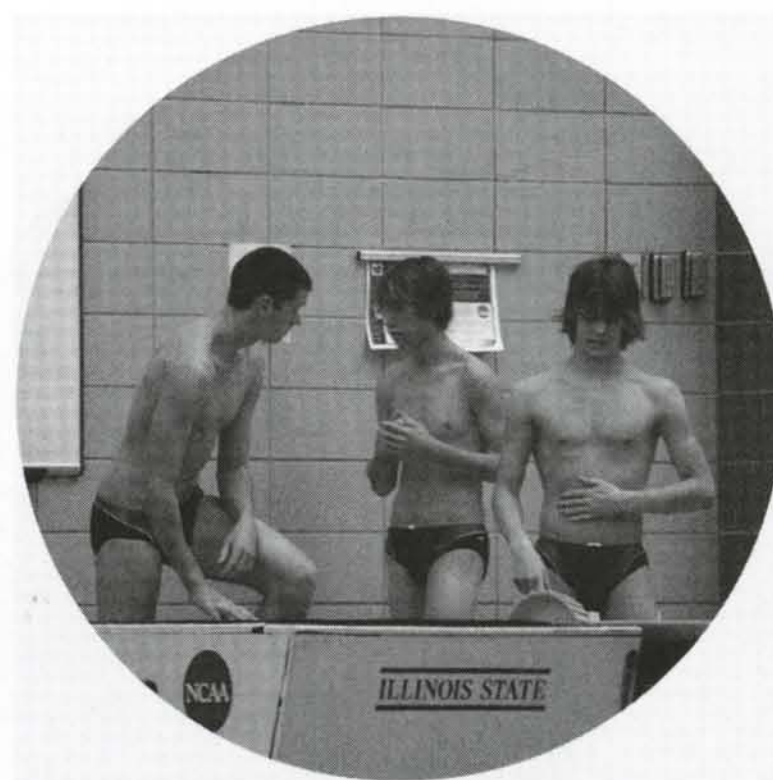
In addition to the movie references, a small troll doll was the most unique thing about this year's swim team. Duran's father bought it for him, and it has been their mascot ever since.

"Once we had the troll at our practices and meets, we actually started to do better. We actually had our first state swimmer since I can remember while that troll was here," Duran said.

Duran wrote a comical story written about the troll and how it was a divine being and invented swimming. Their mascot is the physical manifestation of that troll.

To those not on the team, the troll may seem insignificant and rather odd, but it has brought the team together. The troll has become an intricate part of the team's practices and meets and will continue to be so.

"May the troll be with you," Duran said.





# PINNING THE WIN

"The team goals were to have a winning season and continue to do well at tournaments as well to fill all the weight classes this year." Coach Mike Troll

By: Bryant Carlson

The U-High wrestling team has seen great marks of improvement this season. The team had high standards and they persevered through the ups and downs of the season to come out on top.

The wrestling team was made up of a combine total of 25 freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. These outstanding athletes were led by three seniors: *Joe Waropay, Jake Augspurger, and Cory Olsen.*

*"The team goals were to have a winning season and continue to do well at tournaments as well to fill all the weight classes this year,"* head coach Mike Troll said.

The team managed to accomplish all their goals, but perhaps the most impressive was the fact that each weight class was filled.

This year was the first year in six seasons that U-High had been back to the state tournament. This season two U-High students participated in the state tournament in the AA class.

Junior Max Hayden and senior Joe Waropay both qualified for state. Waropay finished second and Hayden finished second at sectionals. Both qualified them for a state birth.

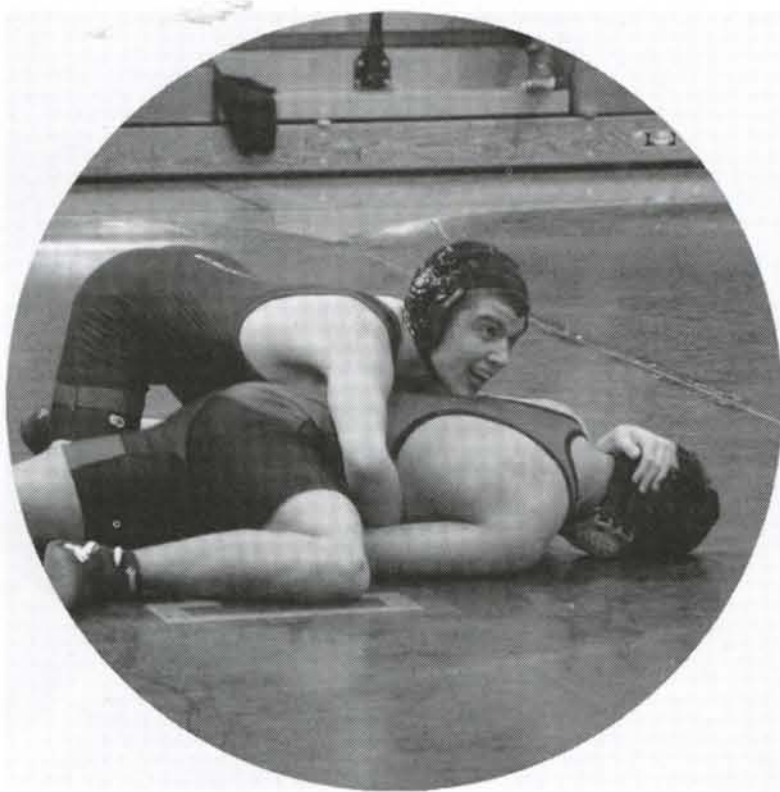
The two wrestlers worked closely together in practice to better each other all season. The combined training was a big factor in both of these state qualifier's success.

"Joe helped me immensely in practice as well as being mentally ready for every match," Hayden said.

Where ever the team went, they always provided a healthy and uplifting attitude. This support coupled with intense training and strict dieting made the wrestling team unstoppable.

Even though there was individual success, the team also did very well. It was the first year they brought home tournament trophies.

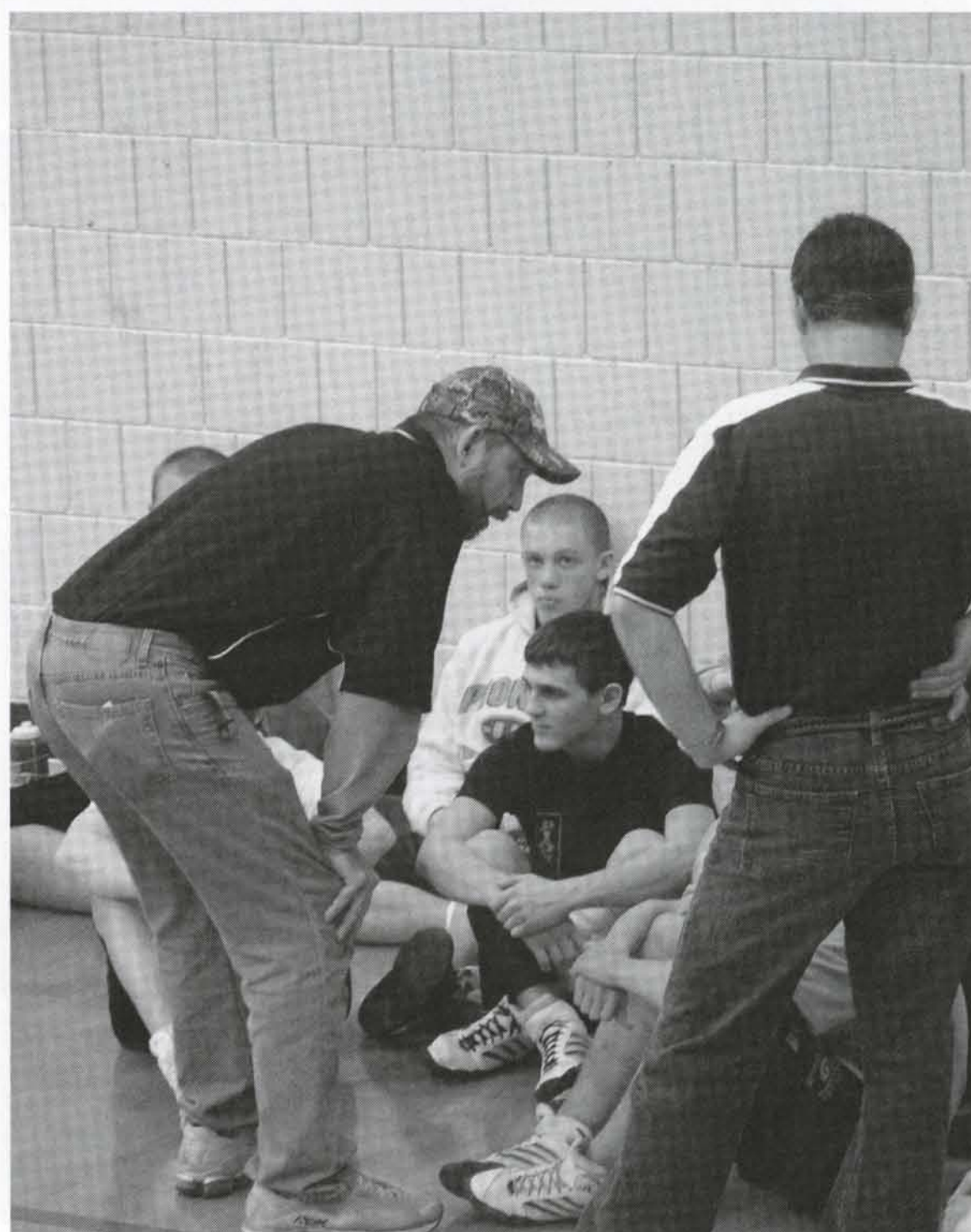
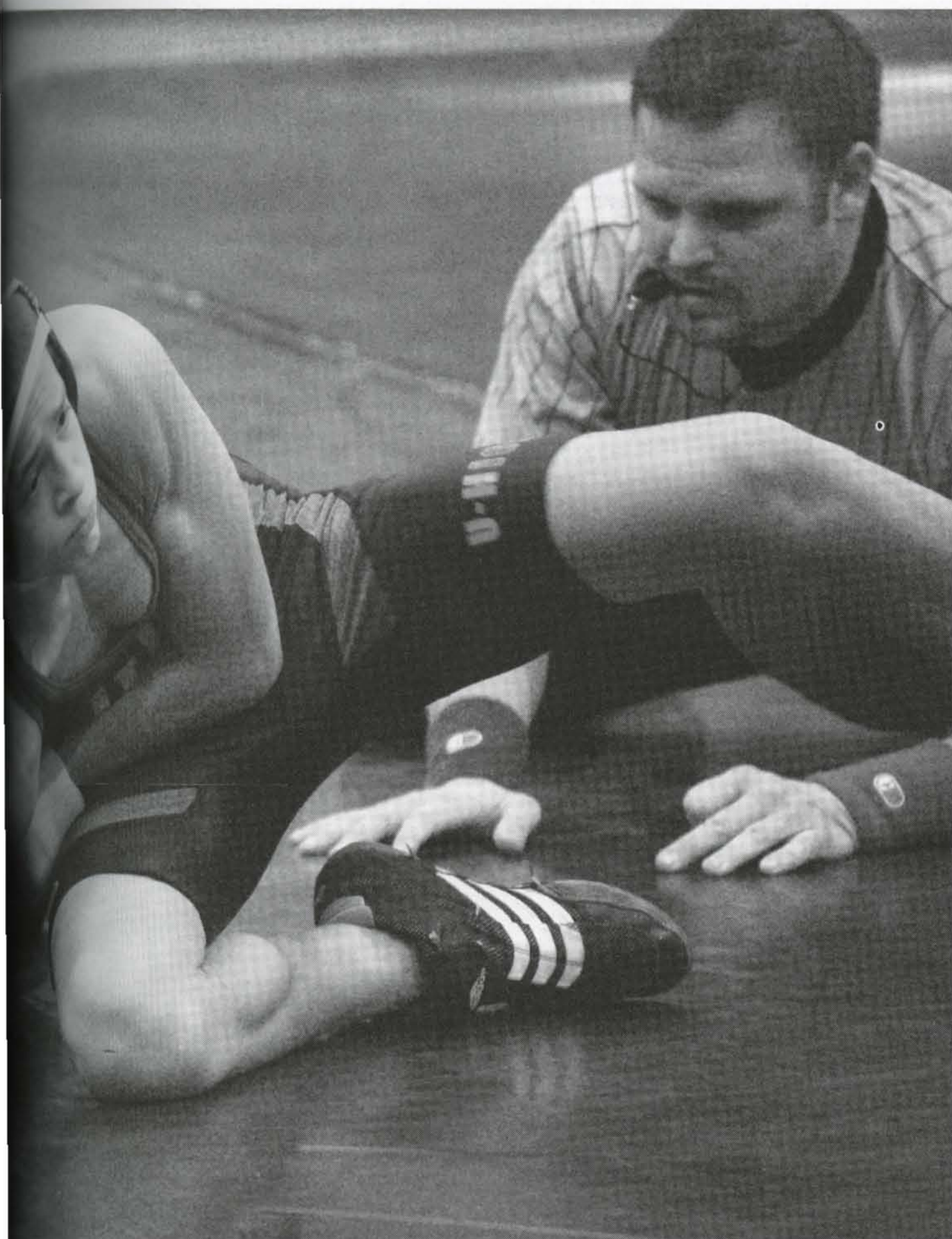
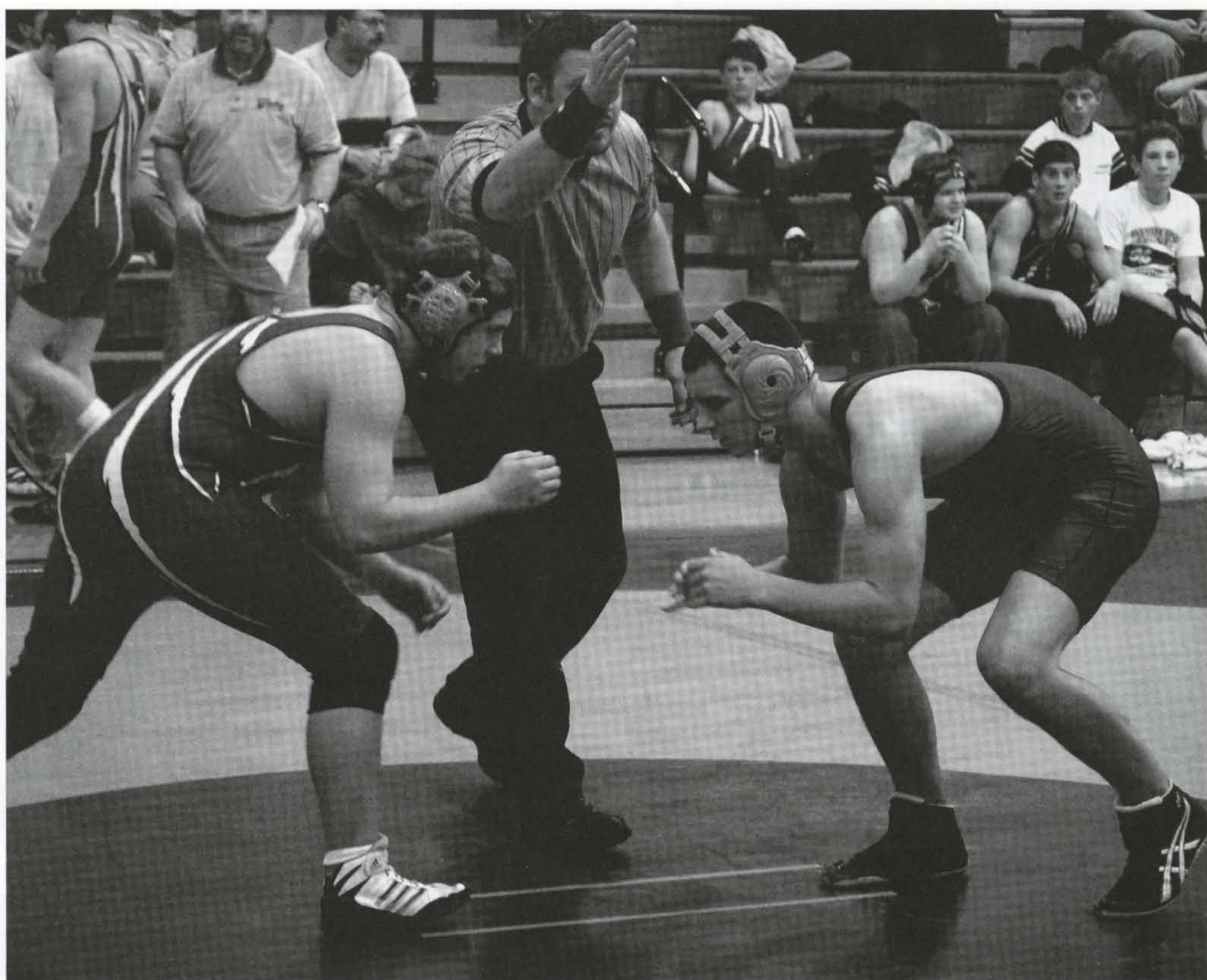
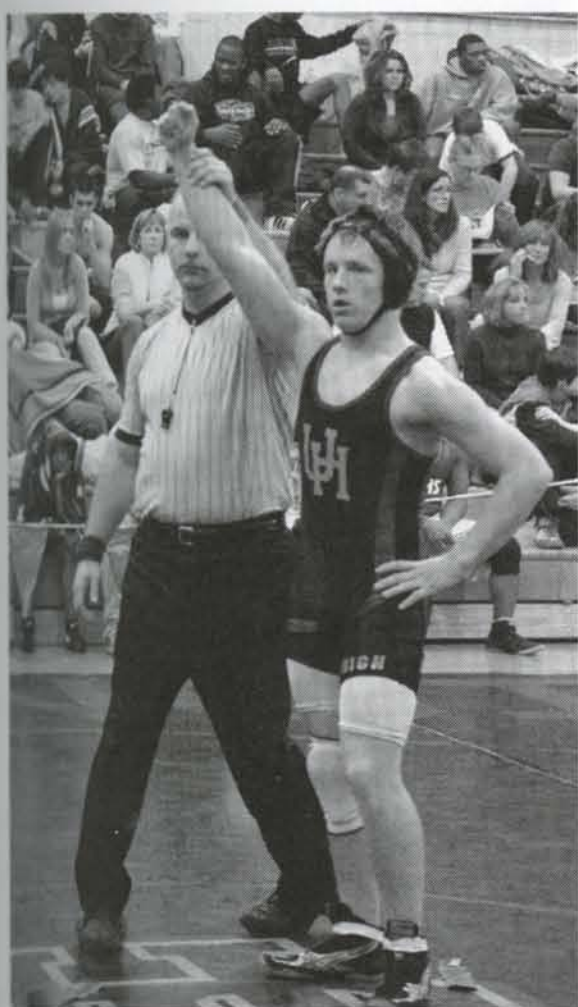
"A lot of people have noticed how much better we have become and when people hear that it gives them more reason to come to this school," Troll said.





Right: Sophomore Patrick Kelso concentrates on his opponent.  
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Below: Sophomore Craig Rich comes out victorious in his match.



Above: The wrestlers listen as Coach Troll gives a pep talk.

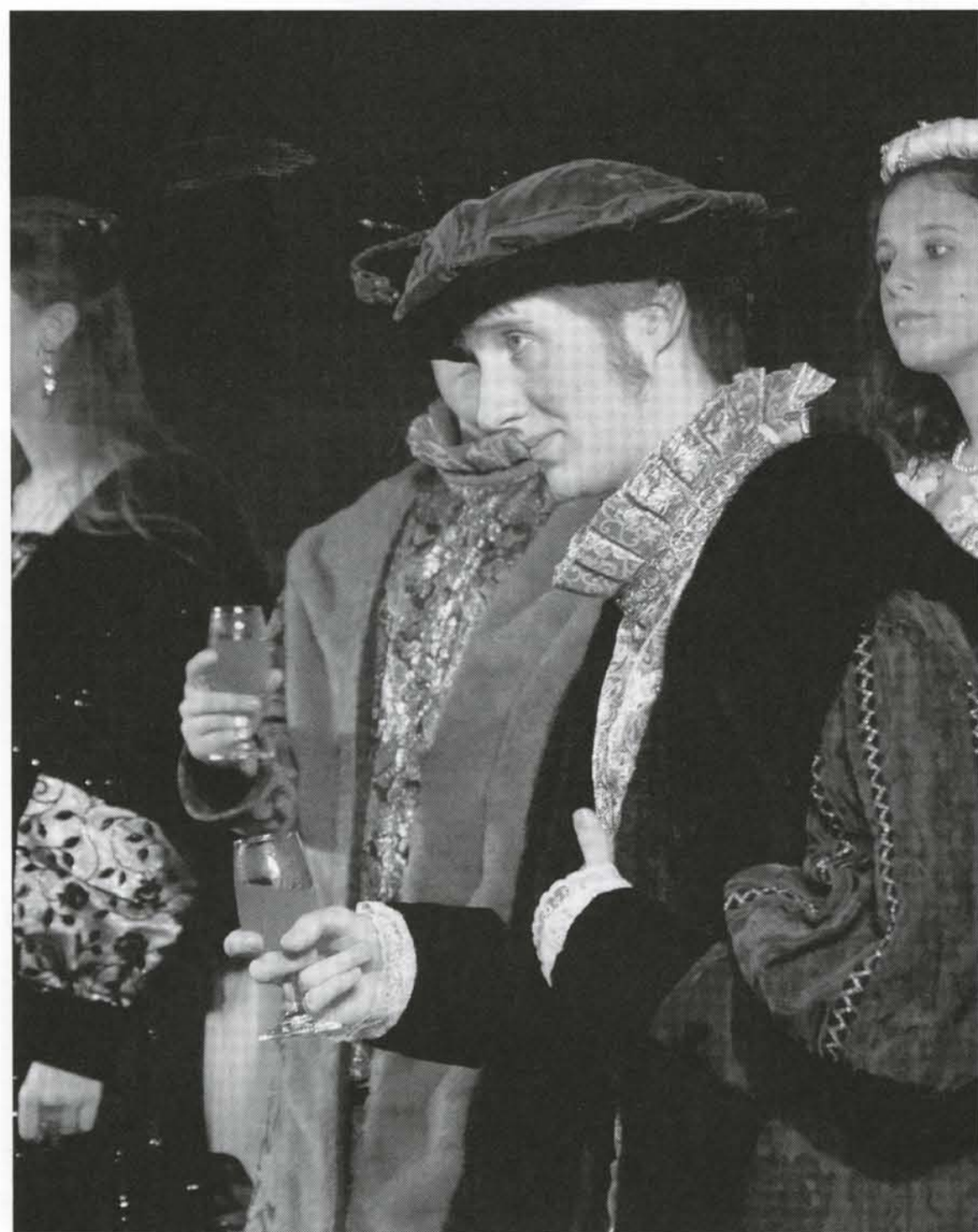
Left: Sophomore Drew Todino scrambles to pin the opponent.





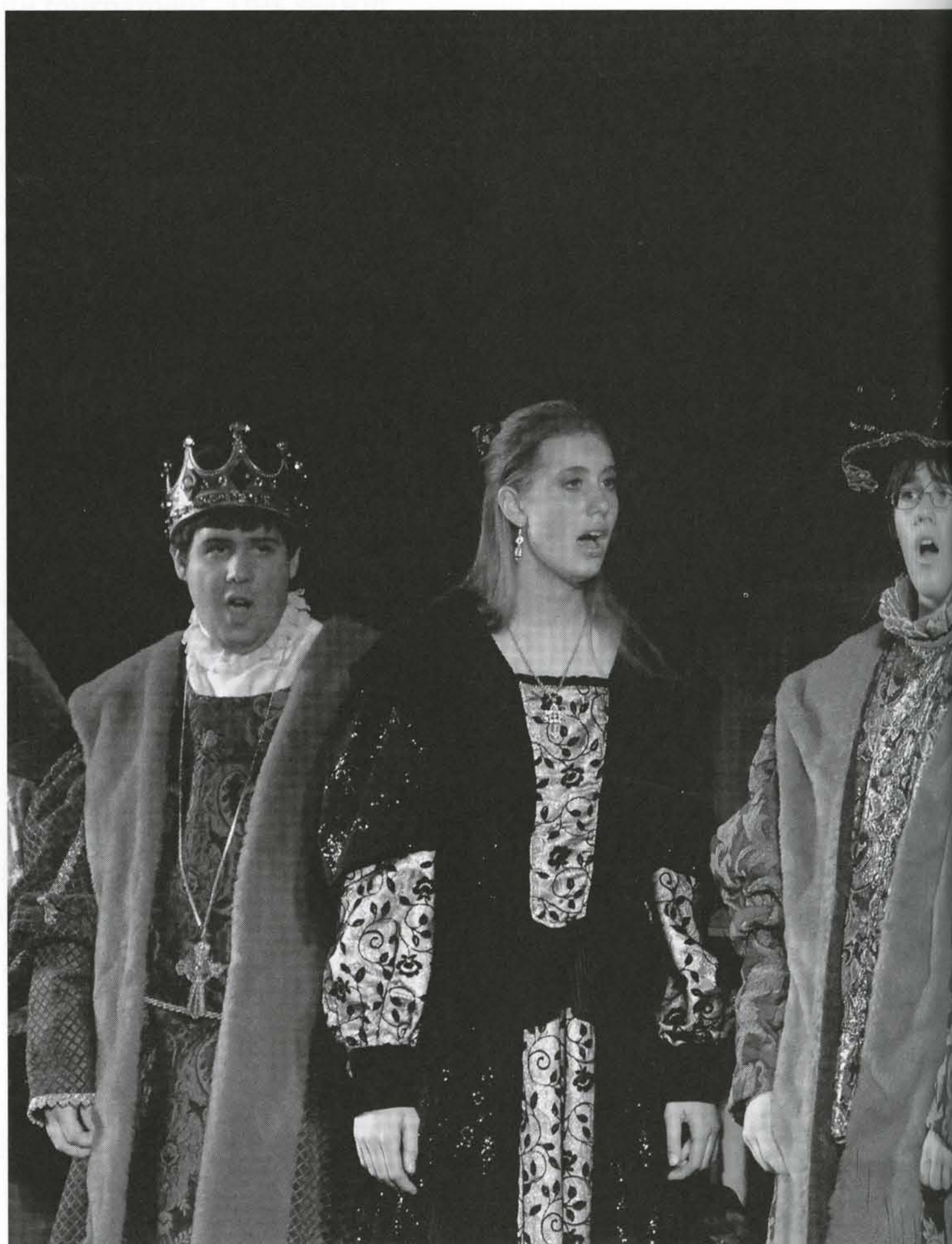
Left: Junior Grant Miller and sophomore Chelsey Coombs provide entertainment as the jesters of the Royal Court. All photos by Matt Shrier.

Below: Minstrels pine for Sir Robin's affection.



Above: Senior John Cooper makes his Wassail toast.

Right: Madrigal singers perform "Be Gone, Dull Care!"





# CHANGING DYNAMICS

"The new girls fit right in and we developed a new dynamic that included them. It never felt strange." Senior Jeremy Davis

By: Alyssa Humphreys

With tear-filled eyes, senior Jeremy Davis slowly makes his way down the aisle as he lines up hand in hand with his fellow singers. The audience sits in the candle-lit room in silence as the singers end their madrigal dinner with a final performance of Silent Night.

"At the end of the performance everyone is crying and it's so hard to realize that you won't ever get to perform with this group of people again," Davis said.

This year the singers had to adjust to new group dynamics. All but one of the girls were new to madrigals which forced the returning boys to be leaders in the group.

"I felt that I had more of a responsibility to lead and be an example for other group members," Davis said.

According to Davis, having all the boys return made it easier for the girls to come in and be comfortable with the style of singing. He also liked the combination of new and returning singers because it made a new sound.

"The new girls fit right in and we developed a new dynamic that included them. It never felt strange," Davis said.

Senior Anna Doran sang with court singers for two years before being chosen for madrigals during her last year.

"Madrigals is a more challenging group. I have been in court singers in the past, so I've wanted to be in it for a while," Doran said.

Performing in court singers, along with the style of the music, influenced Doran to be a madrigal singer this year.

"The music style is different and not everyone likes it, but when you do it right, it sounds really good," Doran said.

Doran struggled with one main difference in madrigal style: acting. She said that singing is something she can do, but performing at the dinners was different and more difficult for her. Although acting was challenging for many of the new girls, it didn't stop them from succeeding and putting on good shows.

"It wasn't difficult getting the group together because everyone was in the same position. Experience helps, but with a new group of singers you have to get a new sound anyway," Doran said.

Doran thinks that although the girls weren't as close as they had been in the past, having a new group helped the dynamics.

"It seemed like everyone got along really well. There wasn't the same balance of friends as before, but it really helped us be more productive," Doran said.





# CHEERING FOR THE TEAM

"This was only our second year competing and we have proven ourselves. We were a joke last year, but Coach D has devoted a lot of time and love, and as a result our team has a lot to be proud of." Senior Haley Stuckey

By: Ally Miller

New coach, Diana Gillet created the first ever U-High cheerleading team. In years past they were always referred to as a squad. Not that there is a huge difference between the words "squad" and "team," but the dynamics between the cheerleaders and their coach has drastically changed.

"On the first day of camp, Coach D told us we were a team, not a squad, and we would have to act like a team if we wanted to succeed," senior Haley Stuckey said.

Both sides knew things were going to change, but no one knew how big of a change it would be.

"I could tell they were not taught correctly and I had my work cut out for me. The strength was there but I had a lot of technical things to fix," Gillet said.

As a result, the team had practices at least three days a week which included conditioning, tumbling, stunting, practicing cheers, and preparing for competition.

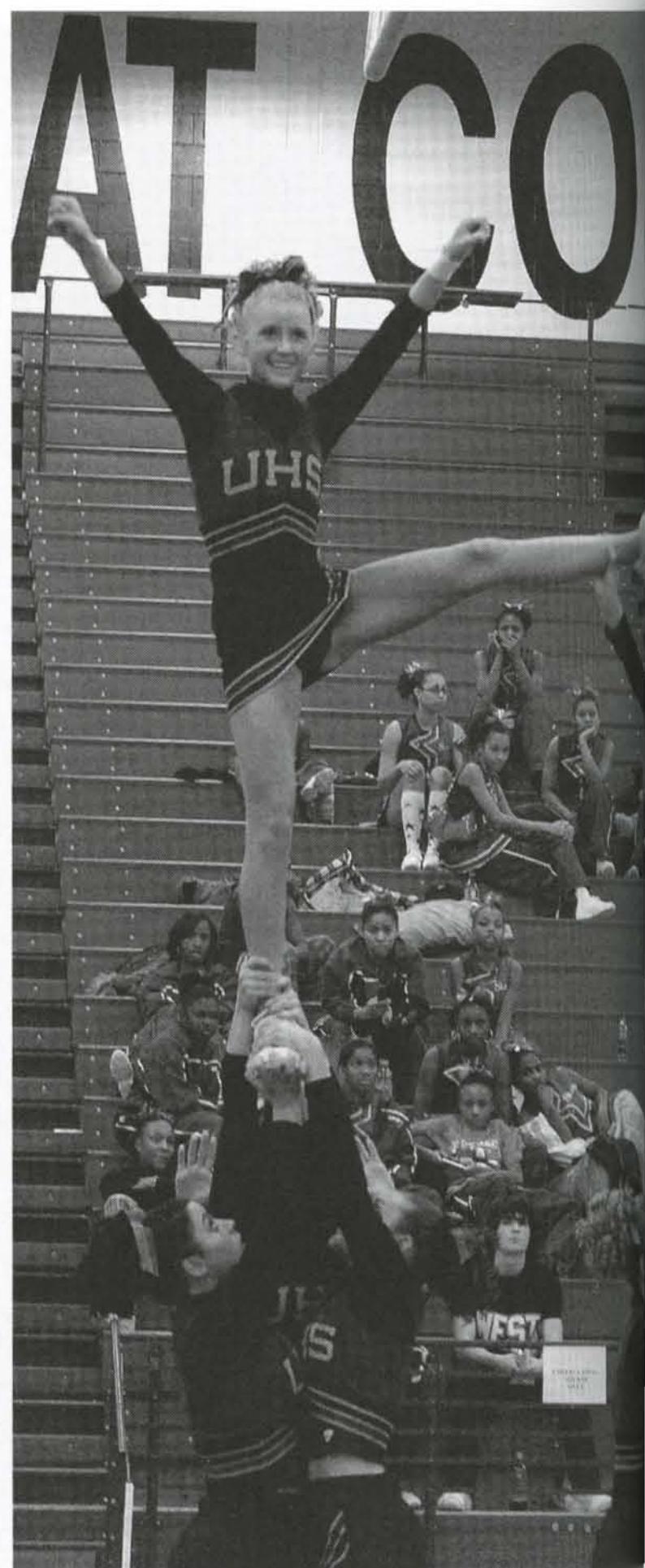
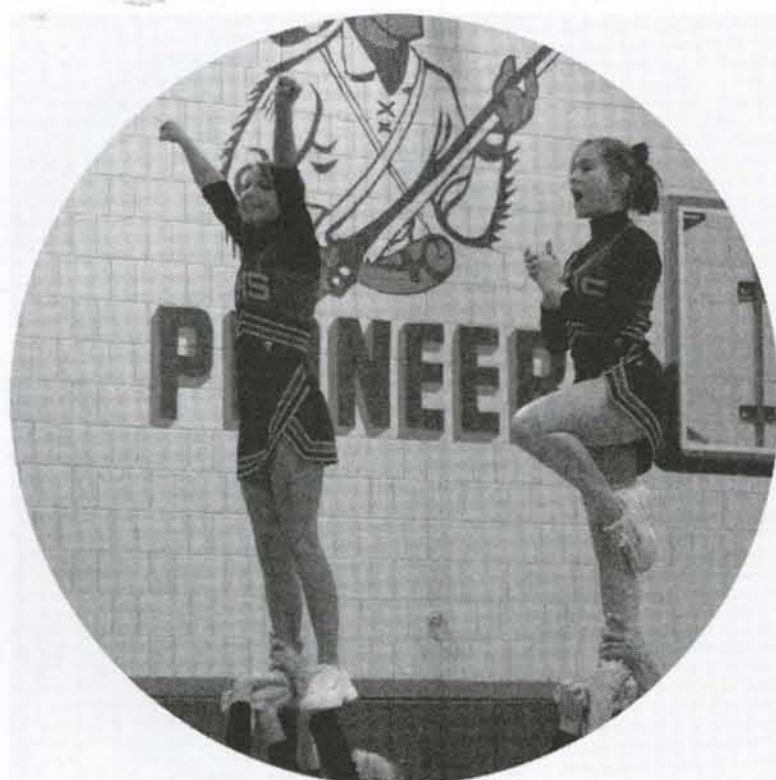
"Before this year, practice had never made me sore," junior Allie Maher said.

In addition to improving their actual cheering, Gillet also successfully transformed their outlook and image.

"They weren't respected by other schools, or even by their own and now that they have confidence they are getting complimented instead of made fun of," Gillet said.

Gillet's coaching and the determination of the team led them to the 2008 state competition, beating out teams who have been competing for years, including NCWHS. At state, the team had no expectations of placing but used the competition to gain important experience for years to come. They performed for the first time in front of a large crowd and under bright lights. Their experience at state was different than other competitions and next year the team will be ready to handle the stress.

"This was only our second year competing and we have proven ourselves. We were a joke last year, but Coach D has devoted a lot of time and love, and as a result our team has a lot to be proud of," Stuckey said.



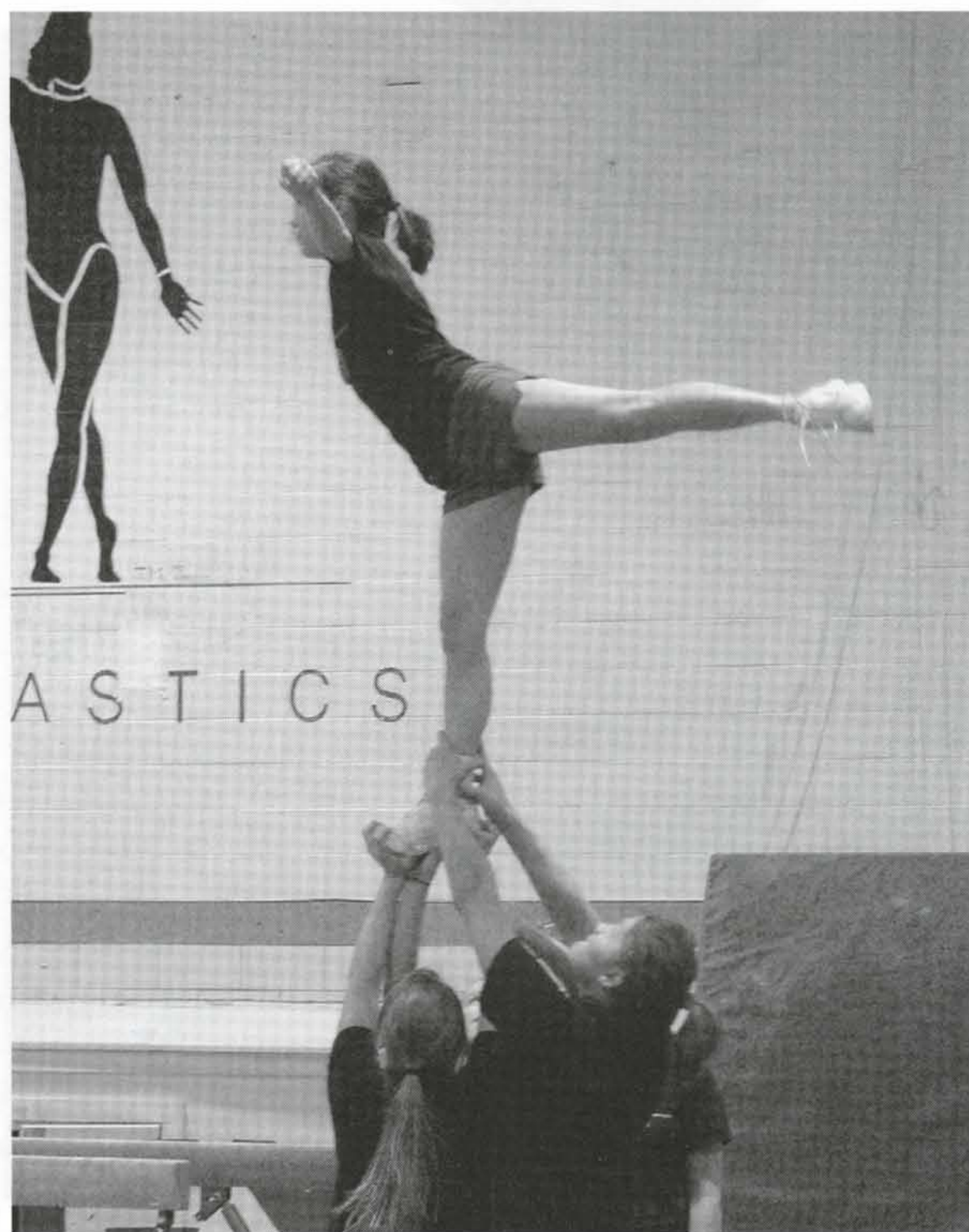
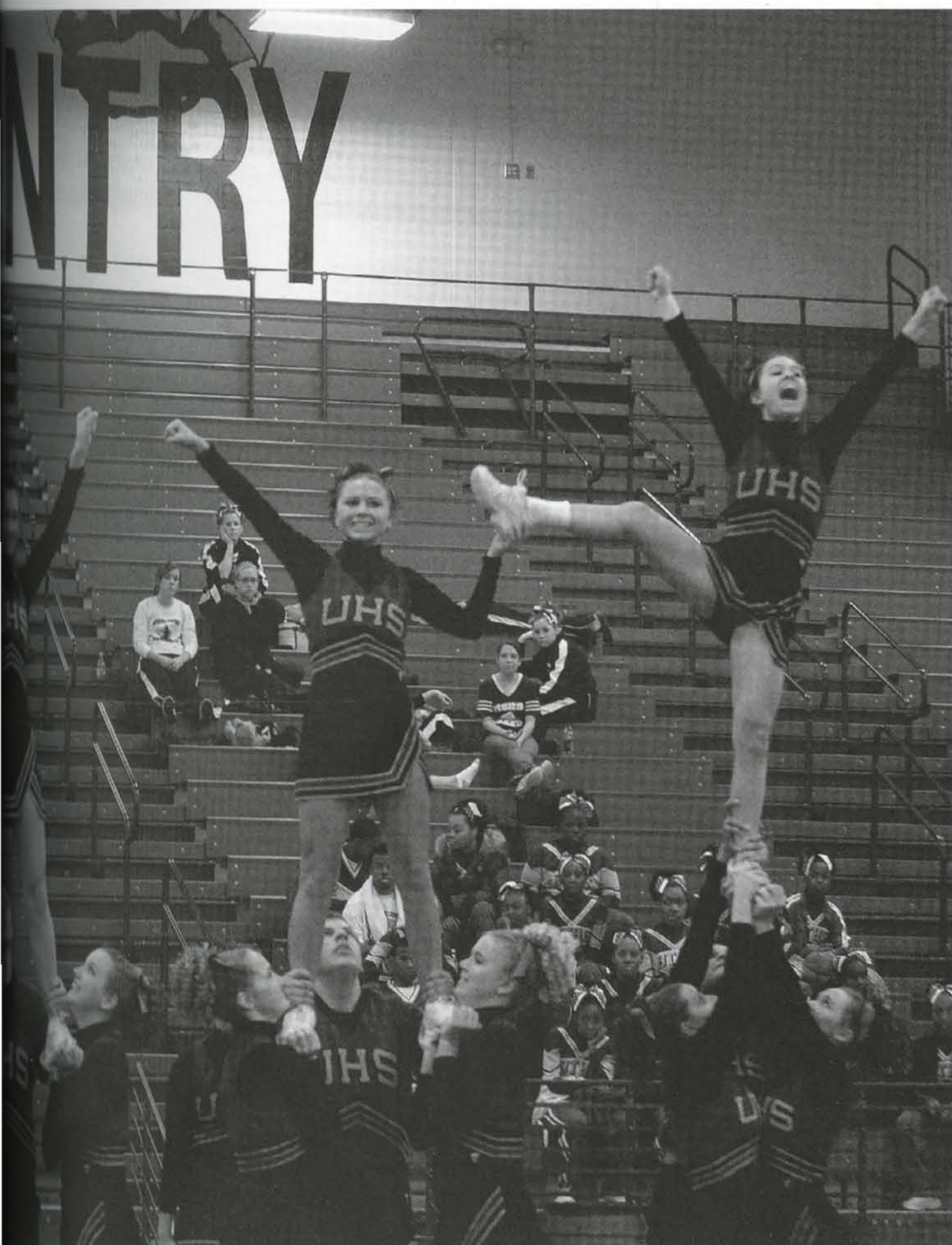
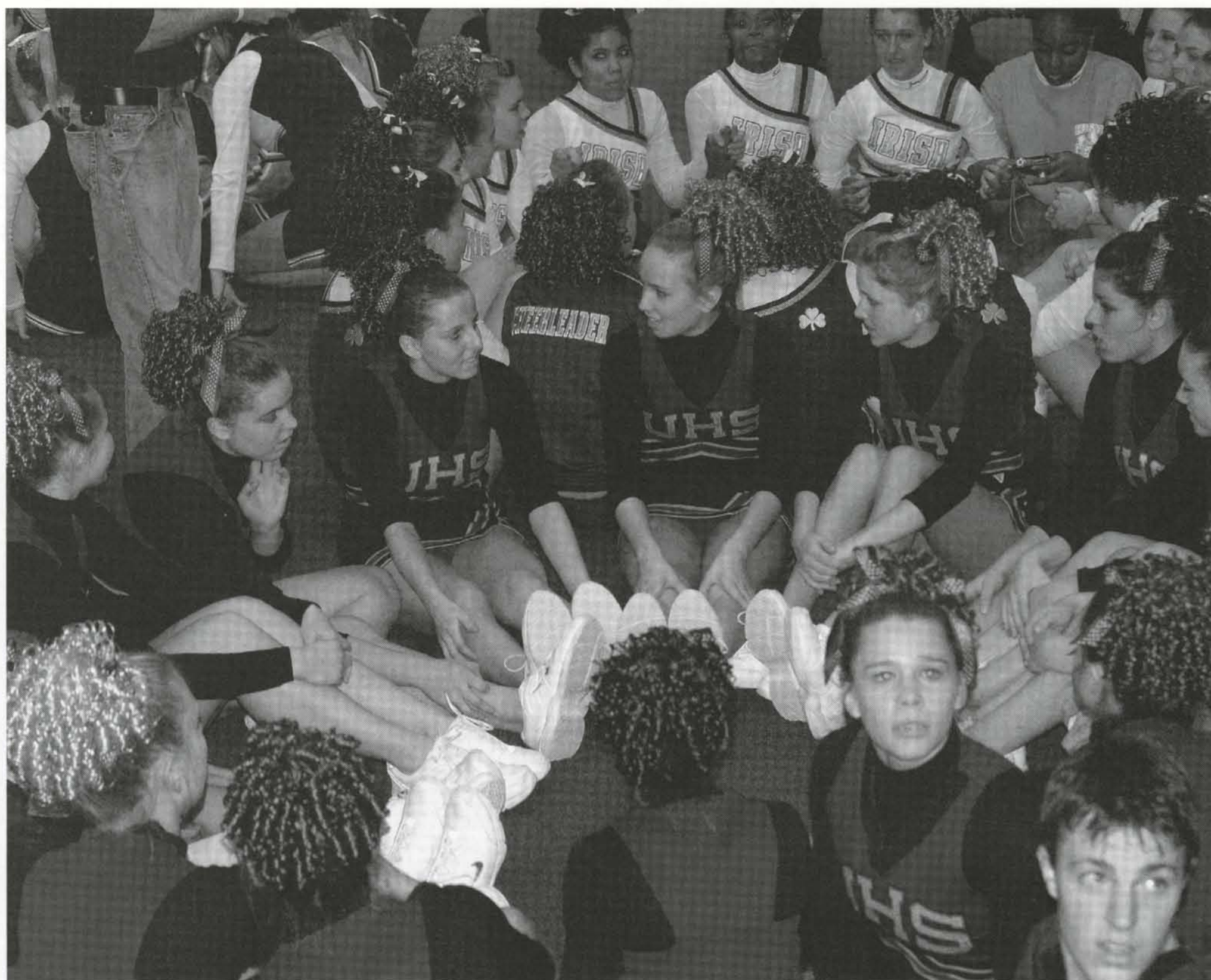


Right: The cheerleading team waits for results at competition.

Photo by Ally Miller.

Below: Senior Haley Stuckey and sophomore Jordan Stork practice their pyramid.

Photo by Tanya Ploense.



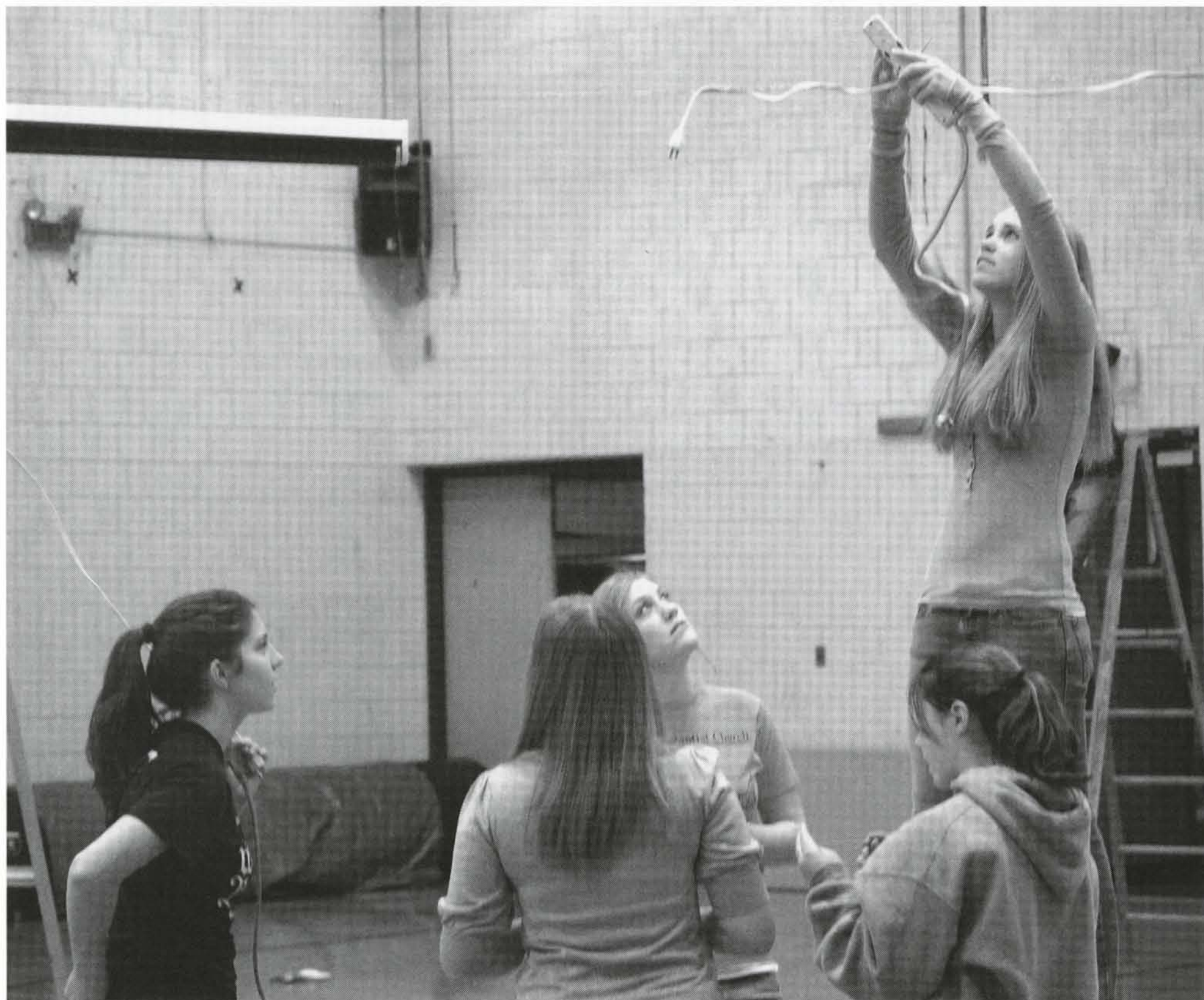
Above: Senior Haley Stuckey performs the stunt "Grin and Bear It."

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Left: The cheerleaders hit their stunts at the sectional competition.

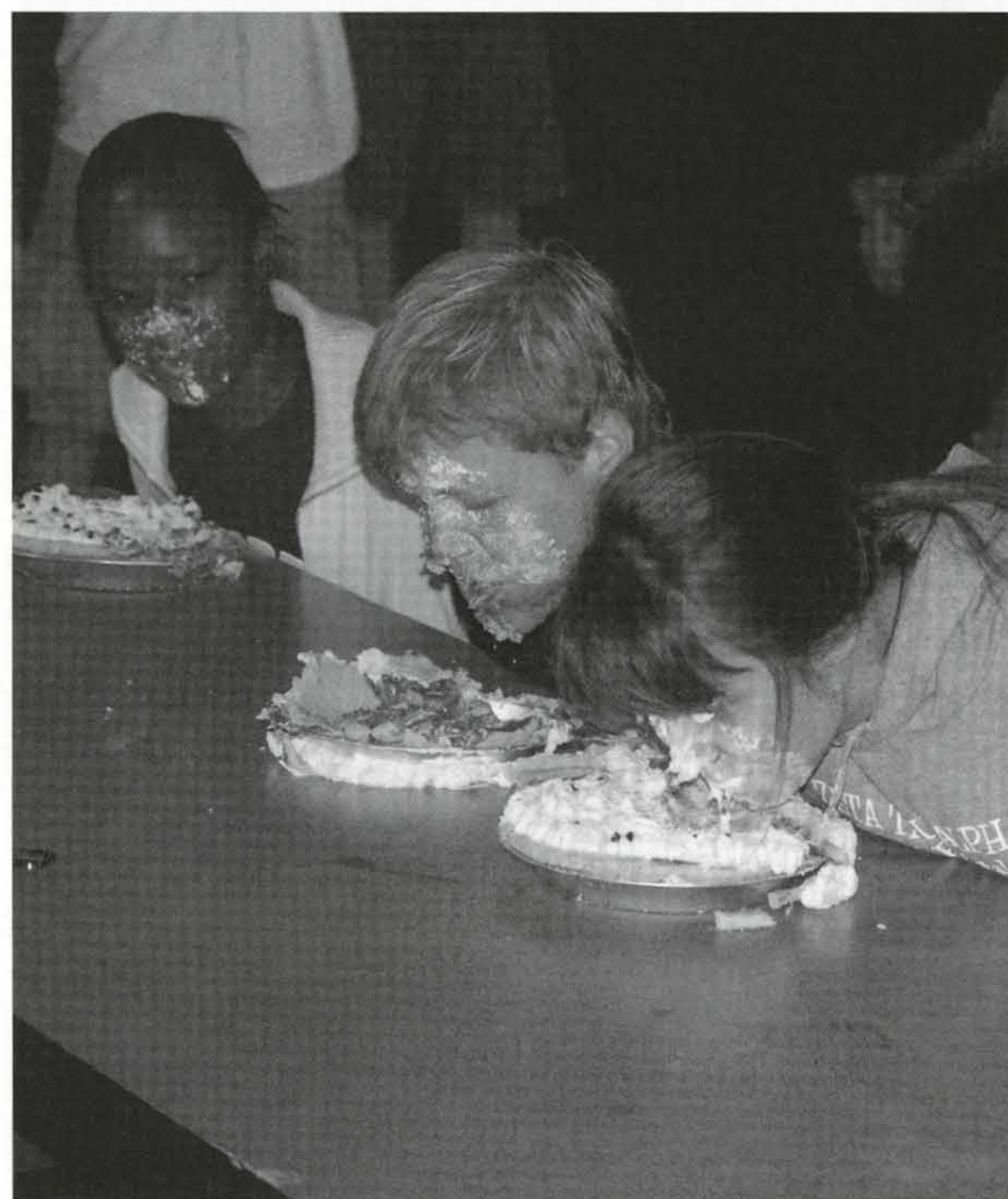
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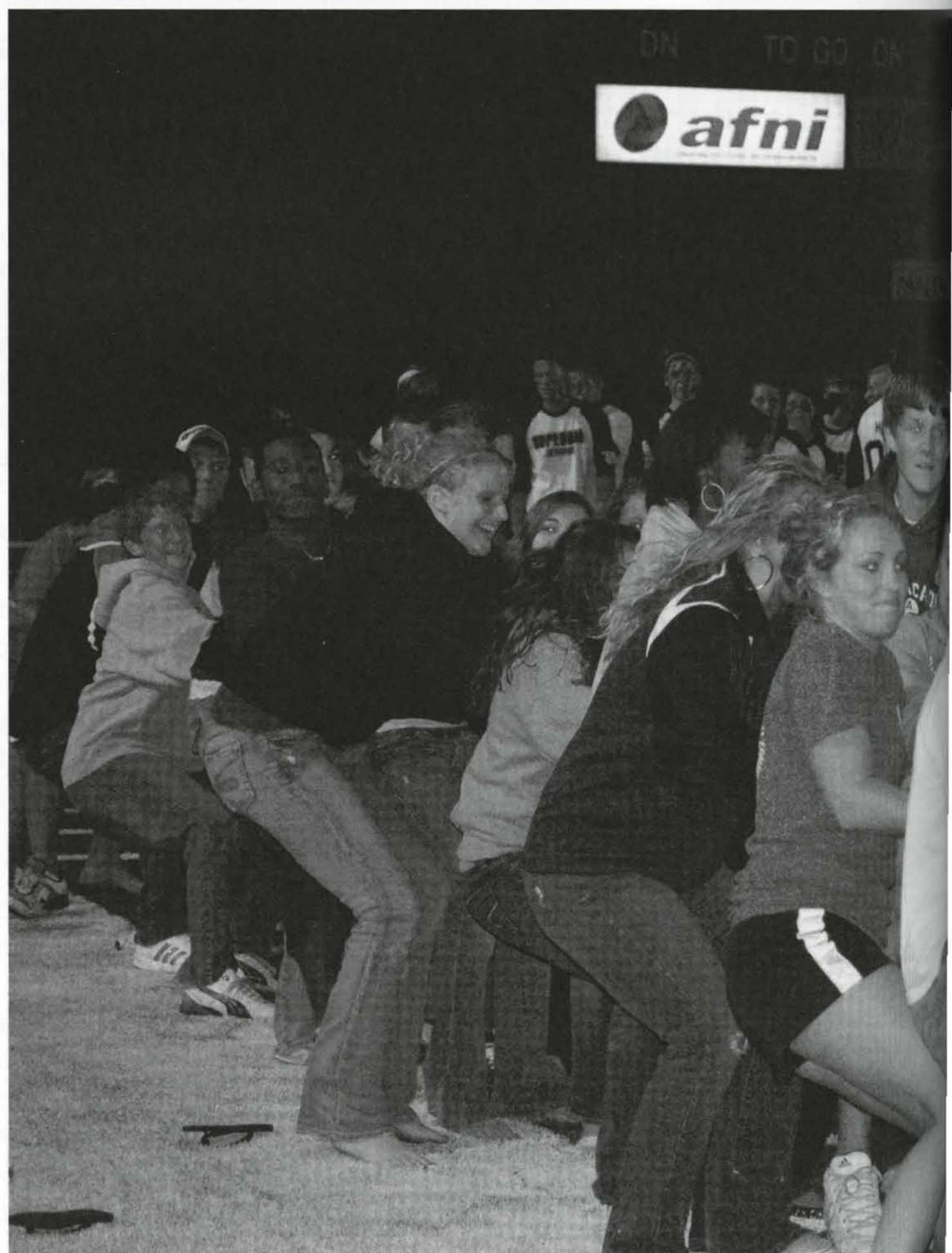
Left: Junior Alex Scharf hangs lights for the BLacklight dance. Photo by Bryant Carlson.

Below: Lindsey Butorac looks away before the nurse takes her blood. Photo by Ally Miller.



Above: Junior Vince Kroll and sophomore Alexis Namoff participate in the pie eating contest. Photo by Chris Ashley.

Right: Sophomores try to win the tug-a-war. Photo by Chris Ashley.





# WORTHWHILE SACRIFICES

"There is a great importance in social events, and I'm proud to be apart of senate that provides these activities for students." Senior Michael Quarton

By: Sean Dozier

The sounds of a heated basketball game reverberate through the gym walls. The crowd cheers at the team makes another basket. However, a group of students are not able to participate in the festivities because they are setting up for the dance in the other gym.

Friday night basketball games are only one thing U-High senators have to sacrifice for their duties in providing fun social activities for their fellow peers.

"There is a great importance in social events, and I'm proud to be apart of senate that provides these activities for students," senior senator Michael Quarton said.

Dances, blood drives, New Student Open House, the three on three tournament, and Mr. U-High are only a few of the activities senate has sponsored.

Senior senator Neesh Shah said it takes around two hours to set up before the dances, and about an hour for take down.

"The most important thing is that every activity raises money for a charity," Shah said. "This makes it a lot easier for me to dedicate time to help set up these activities."

Senior Liz Phipps said it's kind of irritating when the dances end; she has to stay to clean up while the rest of her friends leave, but doesn't mind it because of the fun provided for the students.

Not only do the senators donate time before and after dances, but the meetings they attend are held on Schedule A days, at eight in the morning.

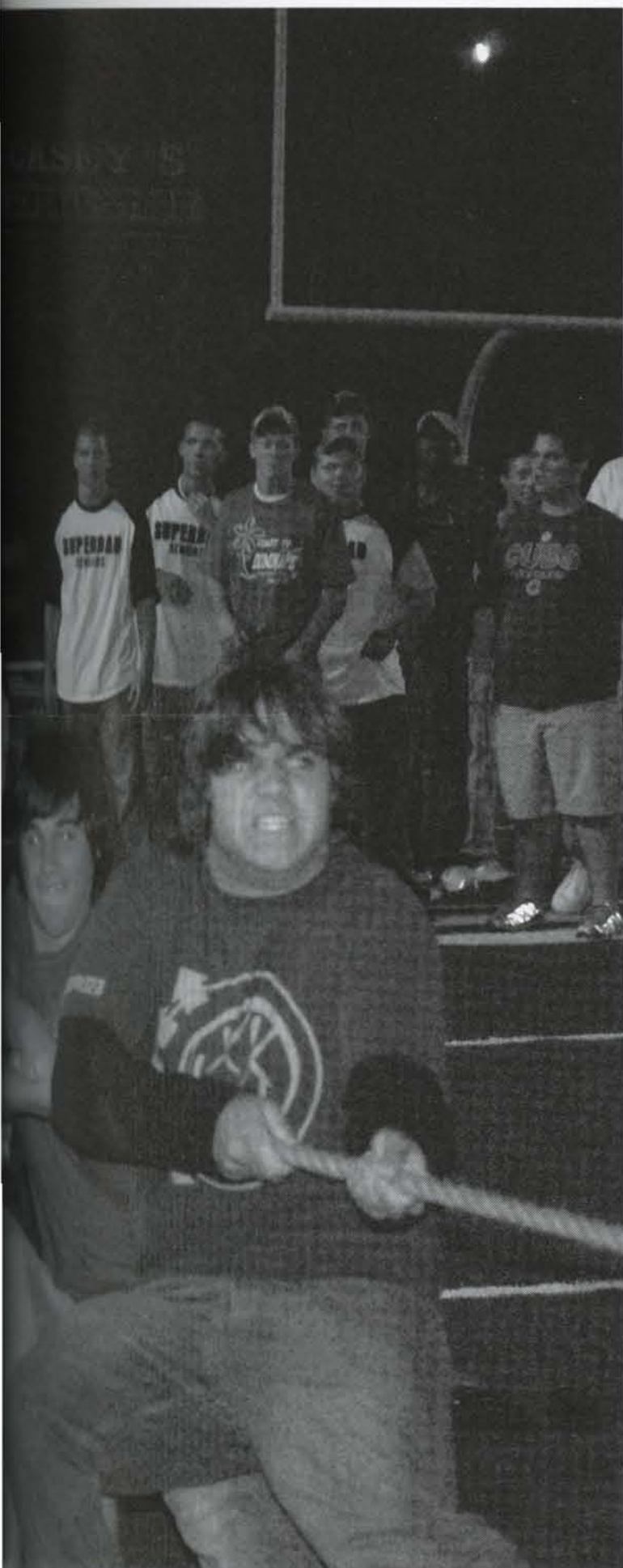
"That is one of the more frustrating things, we don't get to utilize the Schedule A days, but it could be worse," Quarton said.

Senators take their responsibilities to senate seriously and make sacrifices to ensure the success of all the activities. Sophomore John Munson said he sometimes has to miss soccer practice because of the time he dedicates to senate sponsored activities.

"I've had to miss practices, a class or two, to give a few hours to help out," Munson said.

In addition to senate's commitment to improving the school through planning activities, the members partake in more serious jobs, such as amending the constitution.

"Overall, I say everything went pretty smoothly," Quarton said.





# THE ADAMS FAMILY

"They were just so amazing. Every tournament we went to, the breaks would go up and we would have between eight and ten students listed between fourteen events. I was so proud." Speech Coach Mark Adams



By: Tanya Ploense

Audience. It's either make it or break it; and U-high's speech team had no problems breaking it. Although, in this case "Breaking it," held a positive connotation for the U-High speechies.

"Breaking into an event means you have beaten everyone else, and have 'broke' into the top six," speech coach Mark Adams said. "It means you are one of the best, and you get to move on to the next round of judging."

Freshmen Kelsey Larson competed in Humorous Interpretation and was the only freshmen in the state to be a sectional champion. She attributes her success not only to the team, but also to Adams.

"Mr. Adams taught me speech is all about putting yourself out there and getting the opportunity to perform. It's not so much about the competition as it is working and working towards perfecting a piece to blow the audience away," she said.

Not only is Adams an amazing coach, but he is also there to be everyone's number one fan, she added.

"This was such a unique group of kids. The scariest thing with them was the plan to be really aggressive. The judges were either going to hate us, or love us. Thankfully, they loved us," Adams said.

Being a first year coach, the experience Adams received is invaluable.

"They were just so amazing. Every tournament we went to, the breaks would go up and we would have between eight and ten students listed between fourteen events. I was so proud," Adams said.

Although Adams gives the credit to the team, they give it all right back to him.

"He truly is an amazing coach," sophomore Chelsea Coombs said.

Next year, Adams plans on continuing his coaching career.

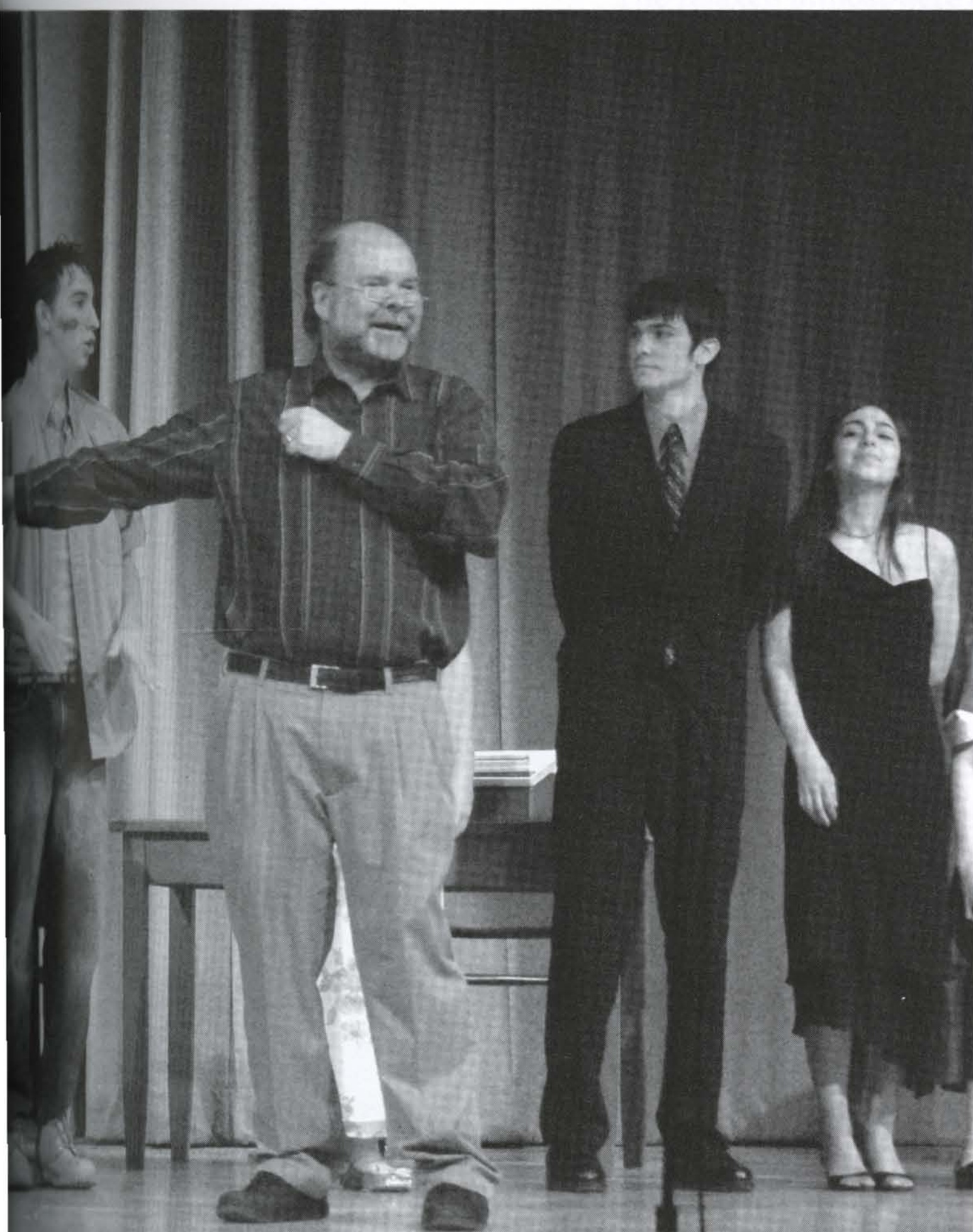
"They haven't told me I'm not coaching yet. It was a marvelous experience, and I encourage those who are leaving to never forget the principles of speech, and to remember the audience. The audience is all there is," he said.





Right: Freshman Kelsey Larson talks to her fellow speechies.  
Photo by Matt Shrier.

Below: Senior John Cooper performs his Original Comedy at the speech showcase.  
Photo by Sara Idleman



Above: Senior Jessi Nguyen gives her Pros speech.  
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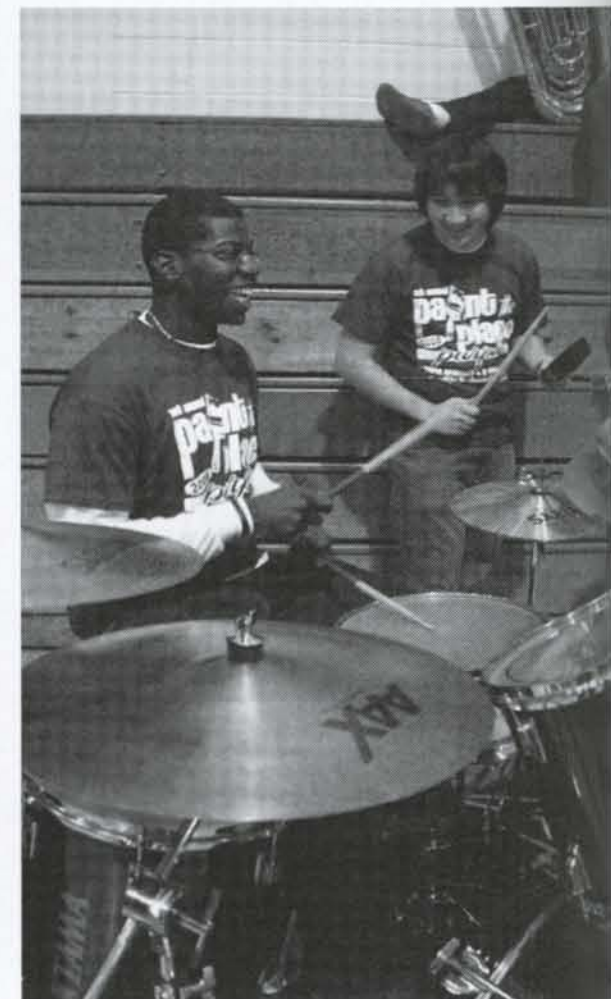
Left: Coach Mark Adams introduces the members of the Performance in the Round group.  
Phot by Sara Idleman.





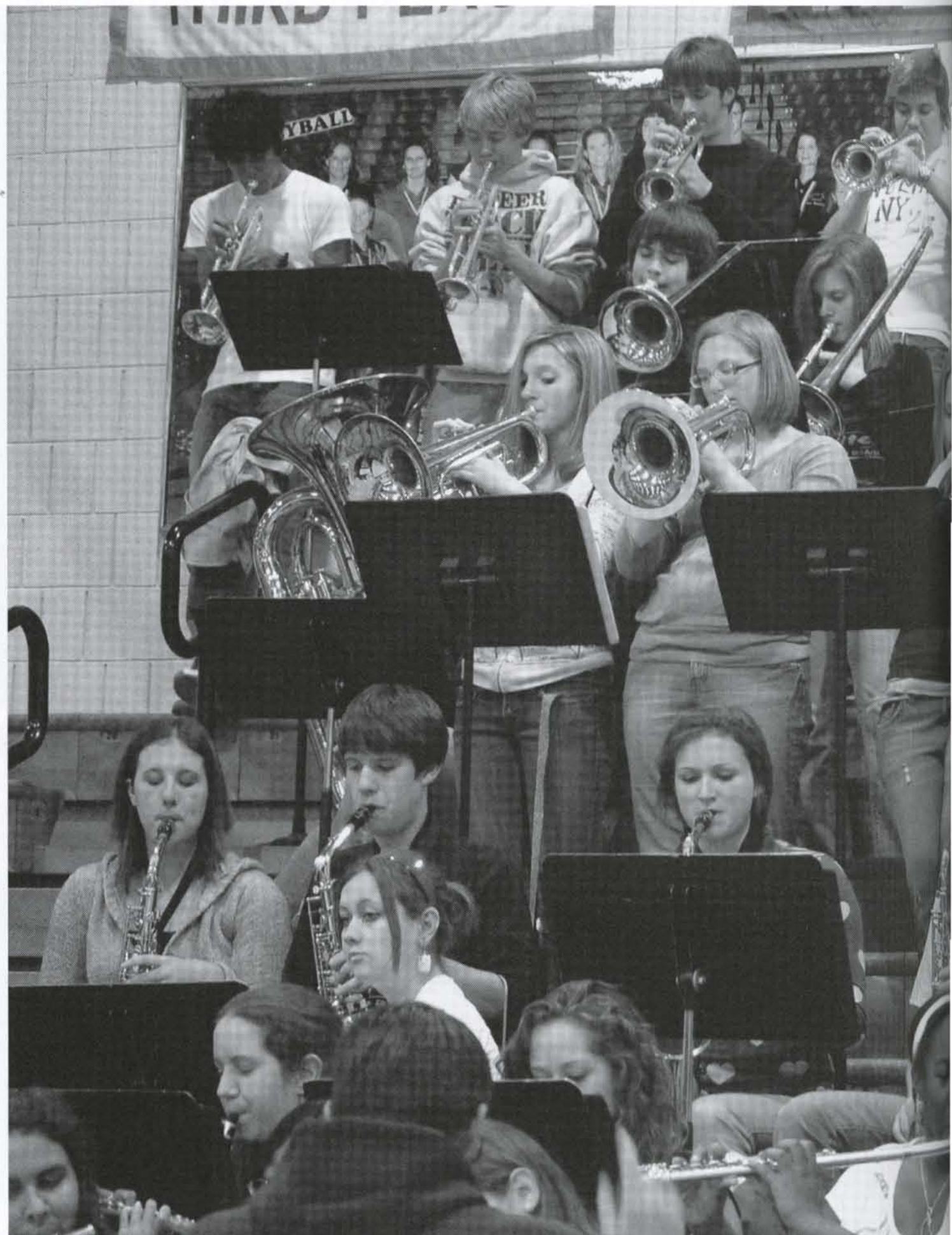
Left: The clarinet section plays at Paint the Place Purple.  
Photo by Matt Shrier.

Below: Senior Ryan Davis and freshman Ian Ostaaszewski play percussion for pep band.  
Photo by Matt Shrier.



Above: Junior Peter Siegfried plays bass at a basketball game.  
Photo by Rachel Solava.

Right: The pep band plays at a basketball game.  
Photo by Rachel Solava.





# PEP UP

"It's fun to be a part of the experience of the games, I'm not very athletic." Senior Tim Nash

By: Alex Auer

The trumpets are loud and triumphant. The flutes bring the high end and the tubas support the low. The trombone harmonizes to the guitar while the drums keep time. This all comes together, under the direction of Jason Landes, to form the U-High pep band.

Pep band consists of about 50 students, freshmen through seniors, and ranges from flutes to tubas, and trumpets to drum sets. One senior, Ryan Davis, drums for the band. The only thing he doesn't like about pep band is when Landes says he's playing too loud.

"One of my favorite things about pep band is RD [Davis]'s enthusiasm," Landes said. "Pep band is my one performance ensemble that can relax and have fun."

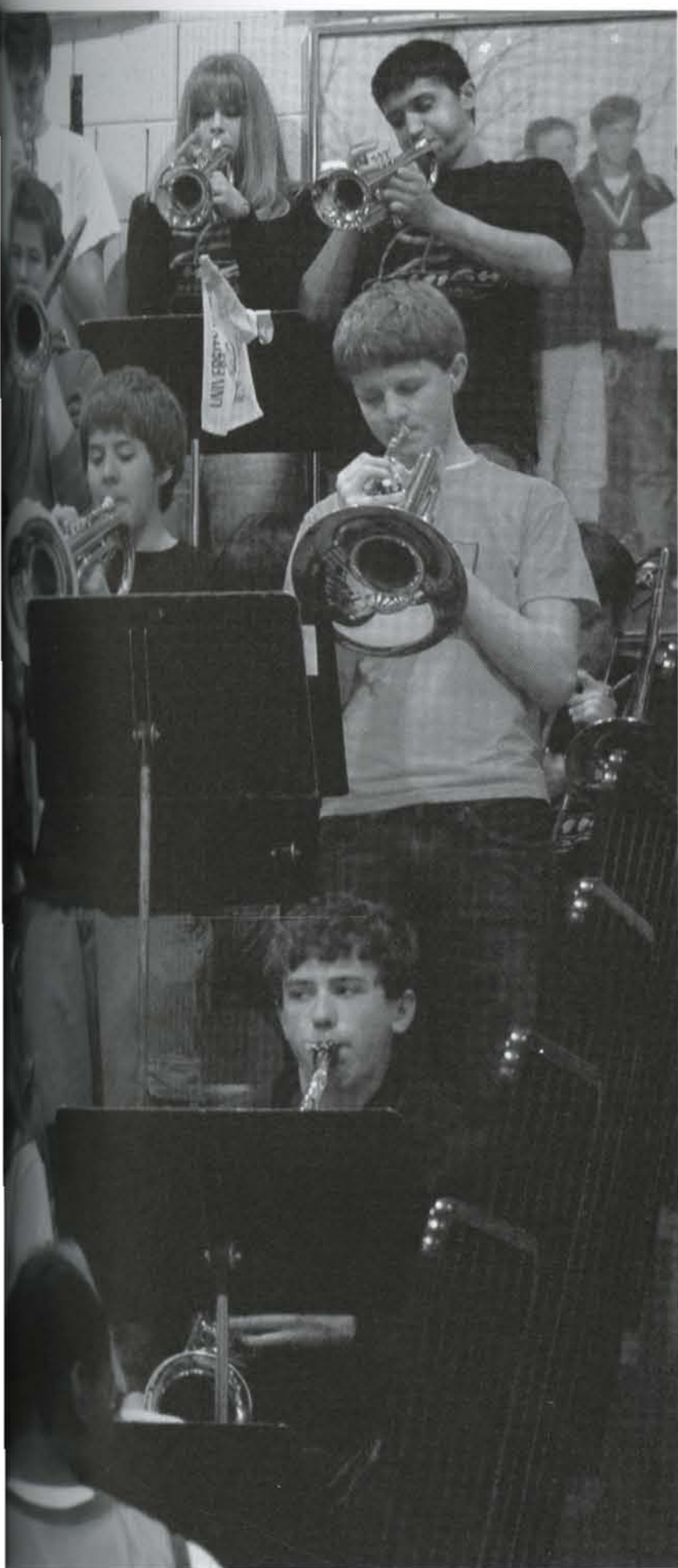
The relaxed atmosphere at practice transfers nicely when the pep band performs during basketball games, making the whole pep band experience an exciting one.

"It's fun to be a part of the experience of the games," senior Tim Nash said. "I'm not very athletic."

The group meets only a few times before performances. Practices are an hour and a half long and crammed with 12 songs in that little time. Davis describes the practices as "cluttered." Landes calls them "laid back."

The band took its first ever road trip this year to Olympia High School, to play for the Paint It Purple event. This was also the first time they've played with another band before. Landes admired the comradery between Olympia's pep band and U-High's.

"It's fun from the standpoint that the band is cheering on the team," Landes said. "The environment the band creates makes the gym a more exciting place."





# DANCING THROUGH THE PAIN

"When I watched Christina's dance I felt she had so much passion she was trying to express." Freshman Elizabeth Lindenmeier

By: Sara Idleman

We all must deal with the passing away of a loved one at some time or another. Though they leave this world, our memories will remind us of them and the times we shared.

Senior Christina Parlette's grandmother passed away during her senior year, but she will always remember a special moment that happened at last spring's Orchesis concert.

Her grandmother was a two-time breast cancer survivor and Parlette wanted to choreograph a dance in honor of her and her strength.

She did not tell her grandmother beforehand that the piece was for her, but later Parlette found out that her grandmother had cried during the dance.

"I'll always remember her telling me I did a good job that one time because it was more special than all the other ones," Parlette said.

Christina and her grandmother were very close. Maryann Waters lived in Bloomington-Normal, and together they shared birthday celebrations and family holidays.

Parlette remembers her grandmother as being "shy, but very strong and sure of herself."

At the beginning of the year, Parlette was struggling with trying to choreograph her dance for the fall Orchesis concert.

"Originally, my first dance didn't have a meaning," Parlette said.

During the summer, Waters was also struggling. Doctors did not know what was wrong. In August, they found she had four cancerous brain tumors.

In October, Waters passed away. After the tragic blow of losing a grandmother, Parlette realized what she needed to do with her dance.

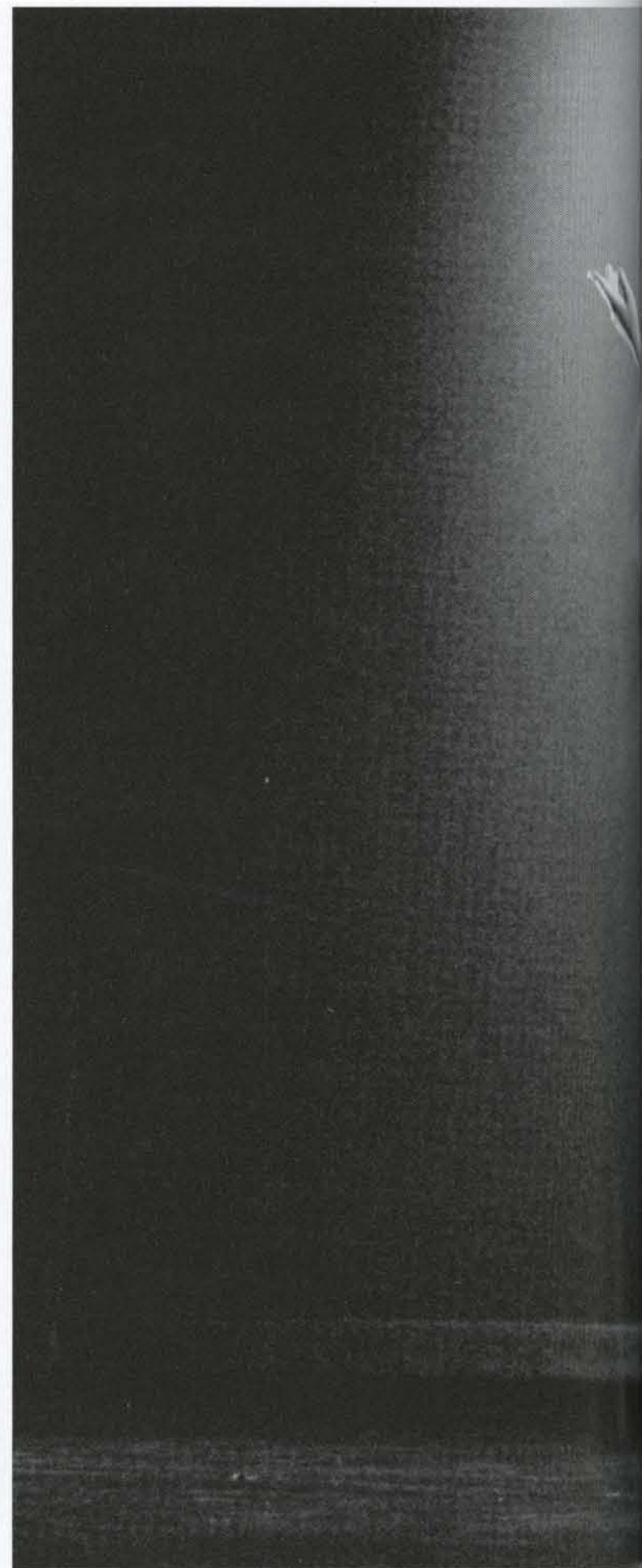
"My dance is what I used to grieve," Parlette said. She started over with a new dance that was filled with more emotion in honor of her grandmother.

Other Orchesis class members took notice.

"When I watched her dance I felt she had so much passion she was trying to express," freshman Elizabeth Lindenmeier said.

Although Waters will never return to this world, Parlette still feels the influence of her grandmother on her everyday.

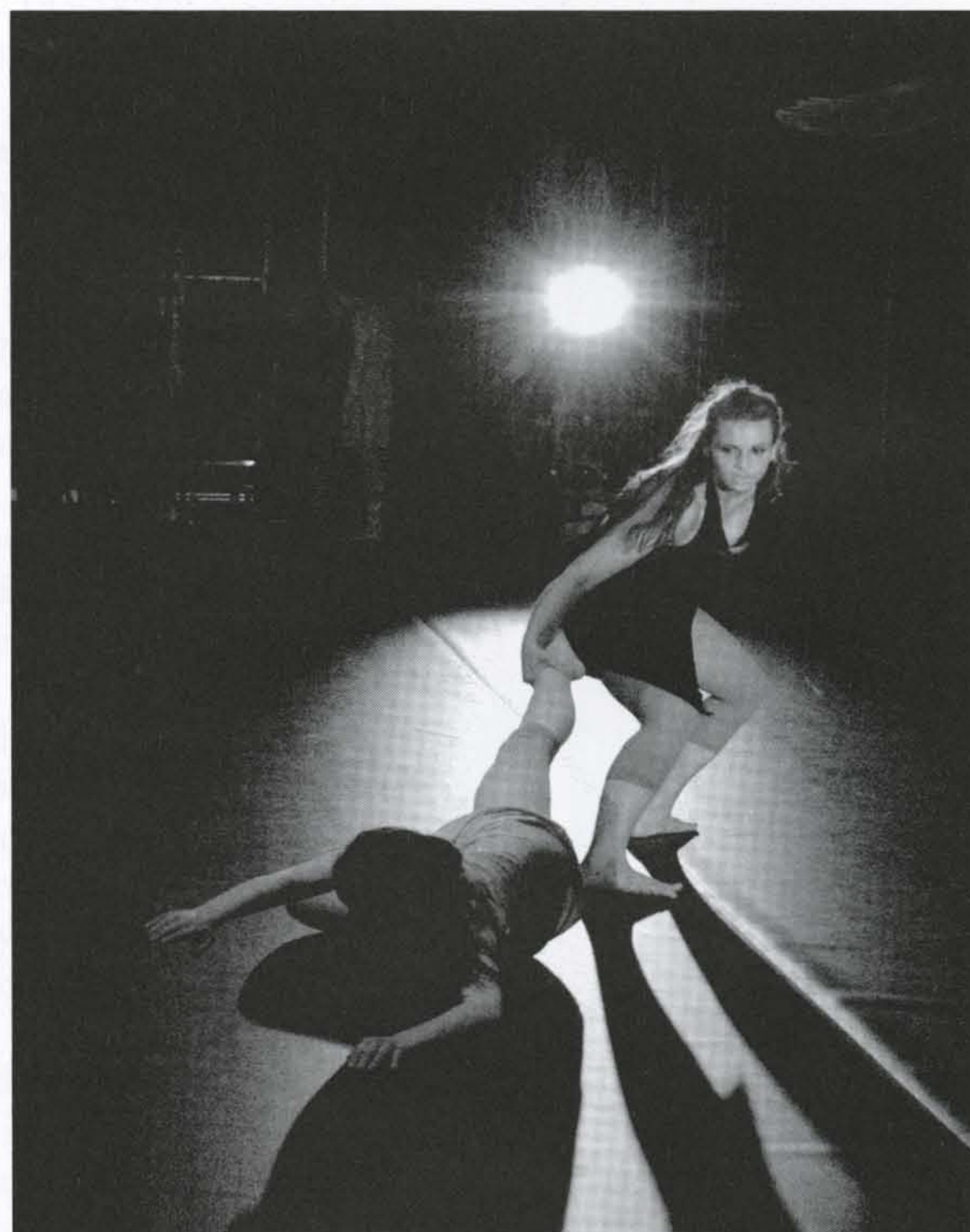
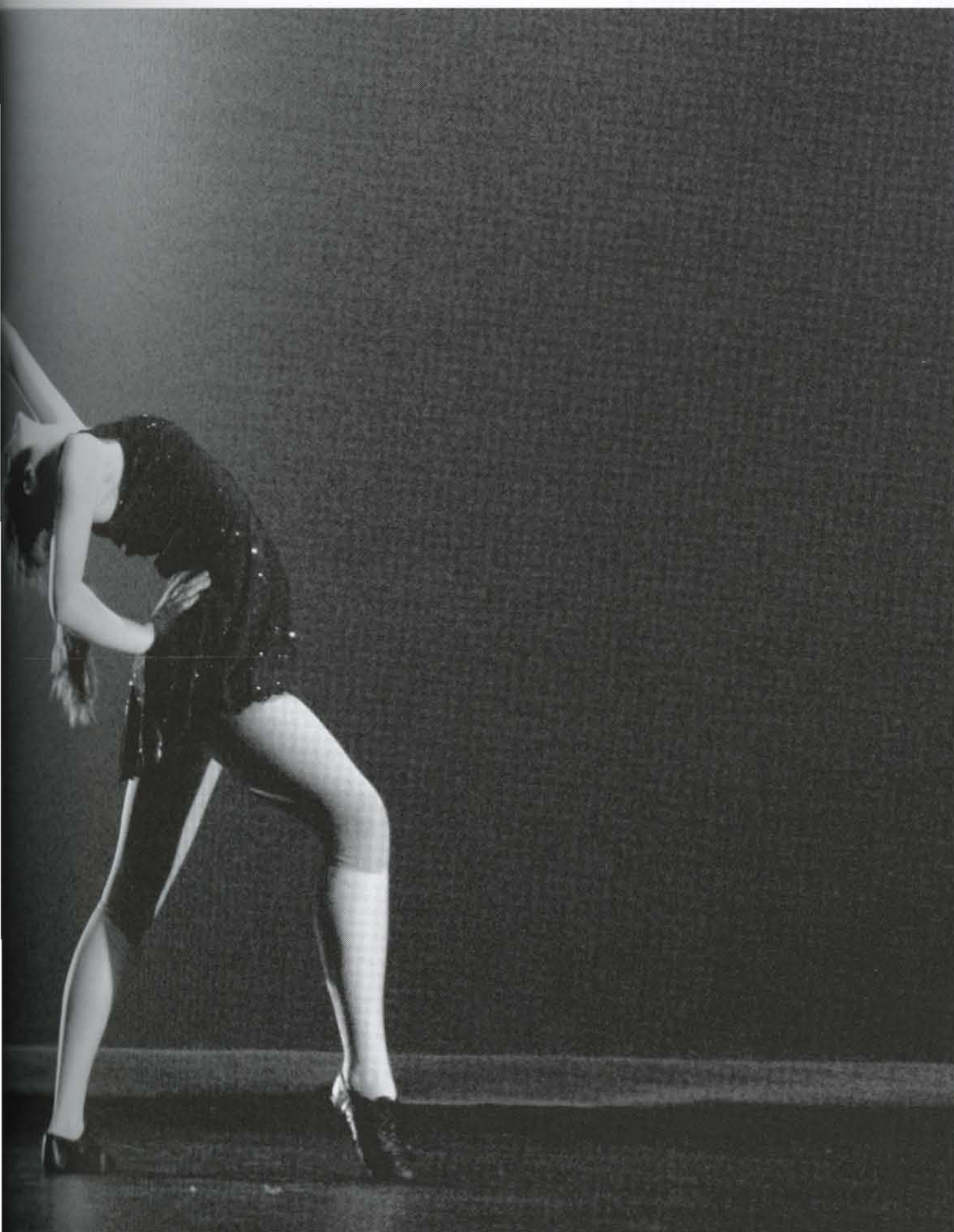
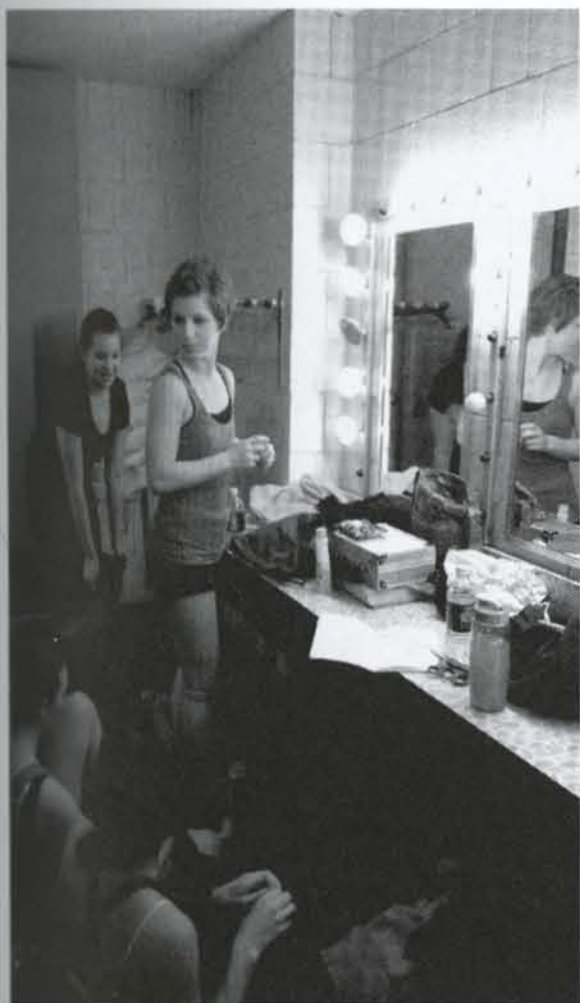
"Sometimes before I do things I think 'Oh wait, grandma's watching,'" Parlette said.





Right: Sophomore Tess Lossada rises to releve during the fall Orchesis concert.  
All photos by Matt Shrier.

Below: Sophomore dancers laugh as they prepare for the fall Orchesis concert.



Above: Sophomore Ches Glidden pulls freshman Elizabeth Lindenmeier across the dance floor in their dramatic piece.

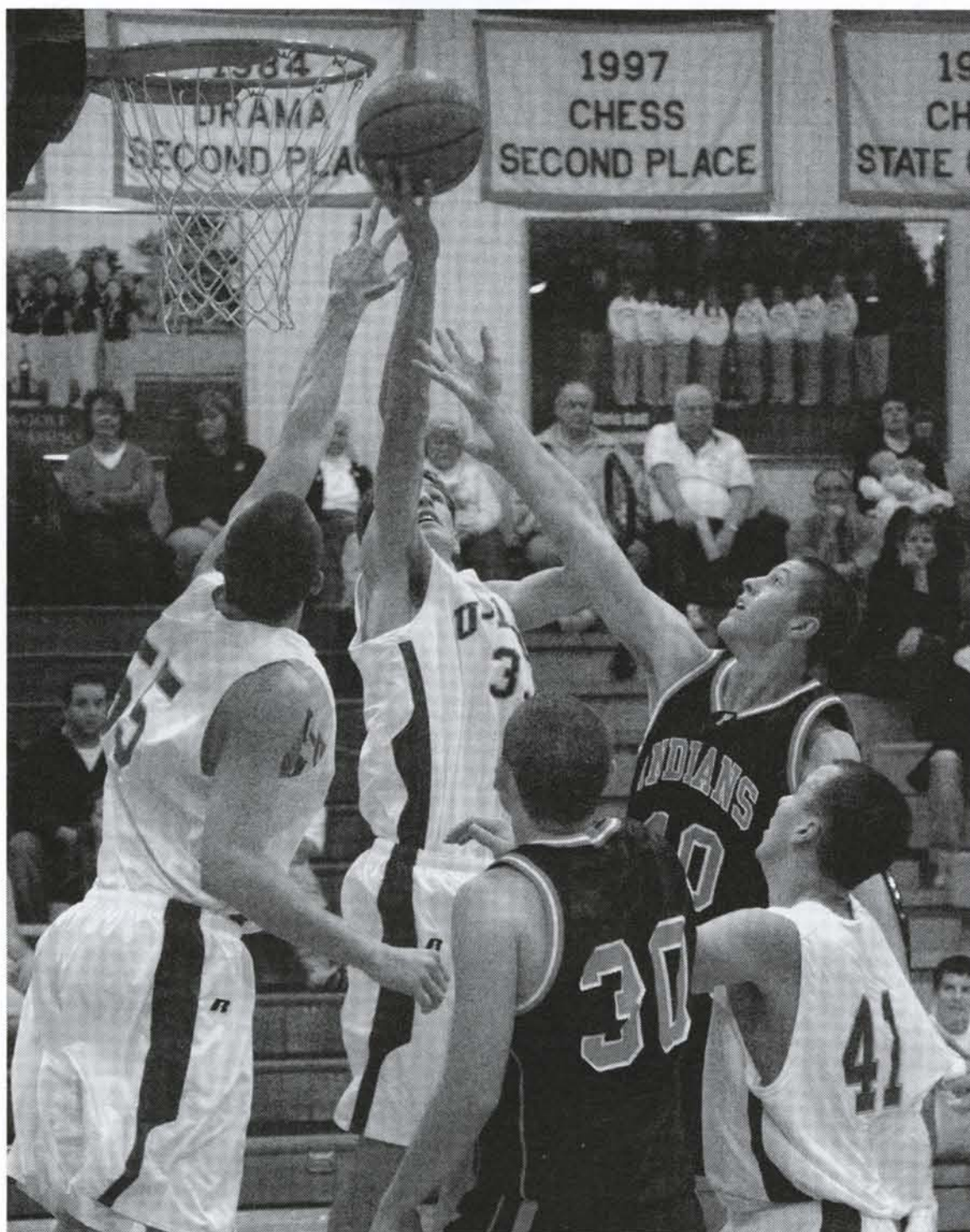
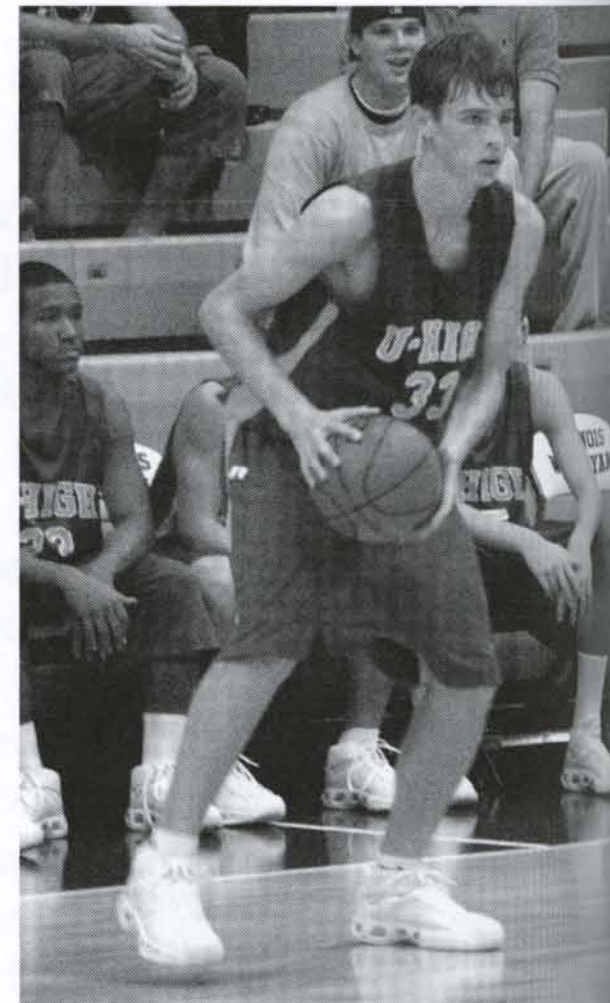
Left: Freshman Elizabeth Lindenmeier strikes a pose during her solo.





Left: Senior Derek Daughanbaugh looks to pass to a teammate.  
Photo by Laurel Benson.

Below: Senior Clint Vatterrodt shows his intensity on the court.  
Photo by Andi Peterson.



Above: Senior Clint Vadderrodt attempts to tip the ball in the basket.  
Photo by Chris Ashley.

Right: Senior E.J. Schiller passes the ball around the opponent.  
Photo by Chris Ashley.





# GROWING PAINS

"Hard work and determination during practice makes perfect, and that's what we did." Senior Eric McCullough

By: Zach Zentner

When the senior basketball players step on to the court they know that they have accomplished a lot, from growing as athletes and as people. The experiences they've had on the court have shaped who they are and who they will be in the future.

This season's seniors were mediocre basketball players when they first came to U-High, but over the past four years they have developed into young men and athletes.

"Hard work and determination during practice makes perfect, and that's what we did," senior Eric McCullough said.

Coming into U-High, these five seniors didn't know much about each other because they came from different schools. Some didn't even consider playing basketball in high school but wound up playing for the Pioneers anyway.

During the time they spent practicing and competing, they grew closer and discovered who they were.

"All I wanted to do was play baseball because that's all I knew, but then I grew to 6'10 and got big, so I kind of had to play basketball," McCullough said.

Newly instated head basketball coach Bob Fitzgerald took notice of these five seniors and has watched them transform into men.

"They came in and some were uncoordinated and some just weren't developed, but they worked hard and became athletes," Fitzgerald said.

Perhaps the most astonishing change that has occurred during their time here is their height. Clint Vatterrodt stands a giant 6'8 while McCullough stands even taller at 6'10. As freshmen, these two only stood a little over six feet. Their height is certainly an advantage on the court.

Their senior season started out a little shaky at Intercity, but that didn't stop them. After putting in so much hard work, they weren't going to let a 1-4 start keep them down.

"We've worked way too hard to let something like that get us down, and we weren't going to let it happen. It shows too," senior E.J. Schiller said.





# THE LAST SUPPER

"I love watching the students improve from the first time they cook to preparing the final dinner." Debbie Hubbard

By: Rachel Solava

Multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, and matching questions were replaced with a cheese ball snowman appetizer, spaghetti, and a Texas cake. Instead of worrying about essay questions or final projects, students in Debbie Hubbard's Food and Nutrition class were enjoying a relaxing, healthy dinner they prepared themselves during finals week.

"I love watching the students improve from the first time they cook to preparing the final dinner," Hubbard said.

In addition to nutrition, the class focuses on etiquette, meal planning, and grocery shopping.

The students spent all week creating invitations, planning the menu, and designing the table settings. One day was devoted to grocery shopping, while the next day was used to prepare the food. Finally, the day of the dinner had come. The students were able to invite a friend to share in the festivities.

"It is a low stress final, plus there was tons of food to eat," senior Scott Blair said.

Hubbard hopes her students learn to enjoy cooking and continue to do so after the class ends.

"In theory, they will eat healthier if they know how to cook," Hubbard said.

Students were not graded by how well they cooked or what their product tasted like.

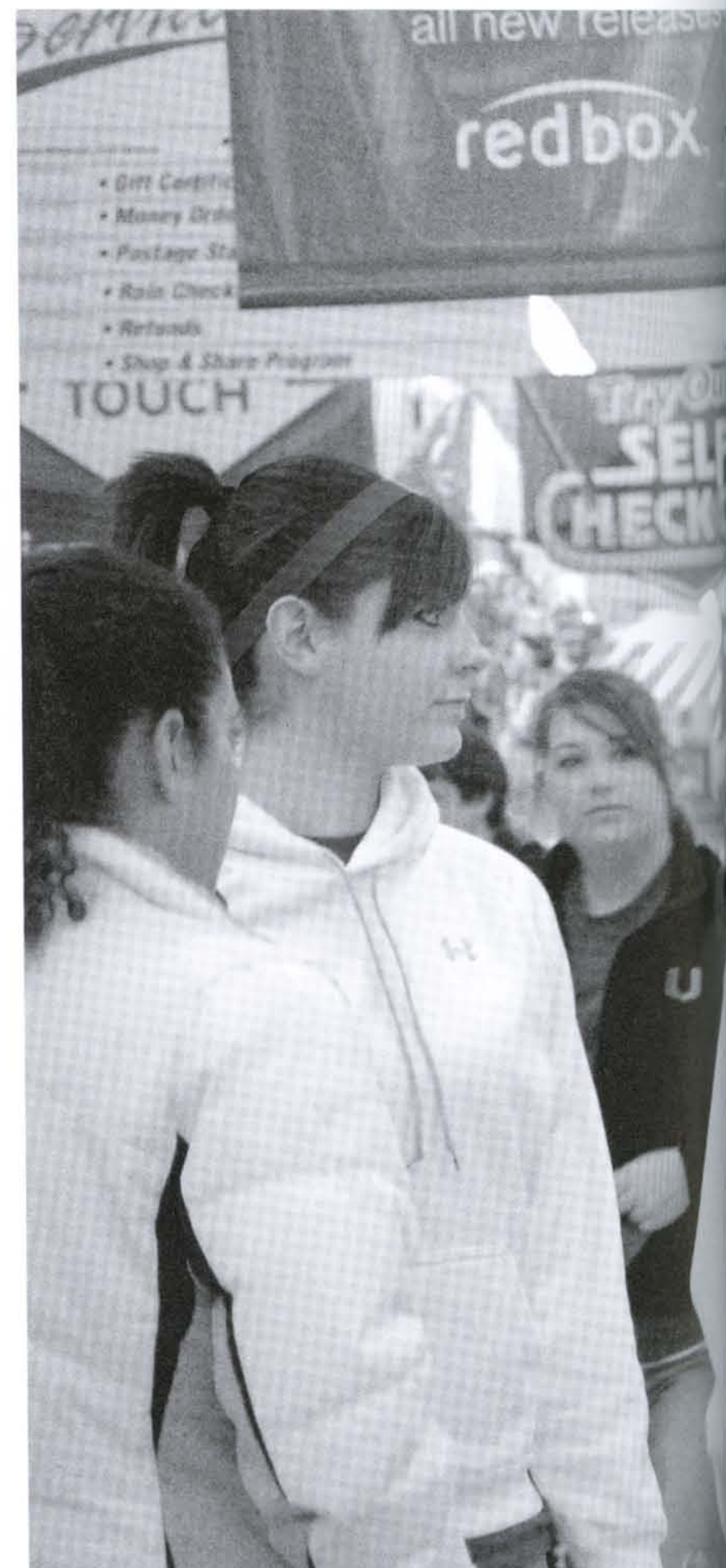
"It is not about how the product turns out, but how they work together, use healthy nutrition, and clean-up properly," Hubbard said.

The class included quizzes and tests, but also demonstrations and labs, where students got hands-on experience in the kitchen.

"When you have five different kitchens going at the same time, it gets crazy but it works," Hubbard said. "There are always questions, but I want to help as much as possible, so the kids can have something edible in the end."

The professional, yet laid-back atmosphere of the class provided the right mix for students to enjoy themselves and create many memories.

"Lindsey Turner was stirring something hot with a rubber spatula. When she pulled it out of the pot, half of the spatula had melted into the food," Blair said.





Right: Students experience shopping for ingredients.  
Photo by Sean Hastings.

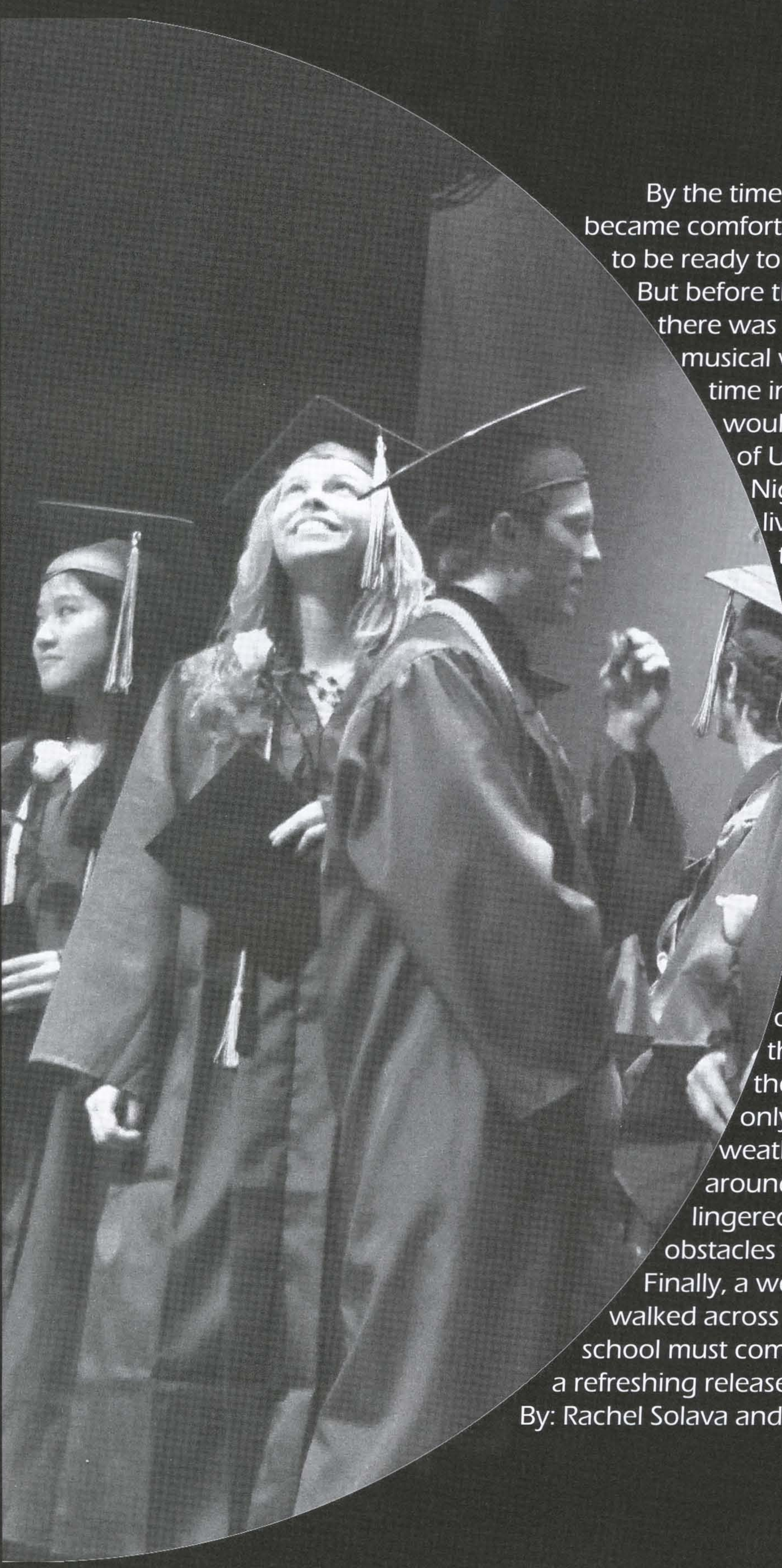
Below: Junior Matt Stroh has fun with cooking.  
Photo by Zach Zentner.



Above: Seniors Becky Smith and Kristin Walker prepare for the foods and nutrition final feast.  
Photo by Zach Zentner.

Left: Debbie Hubbard points students in the right direction at the super market  
Photo by Zach Zentner.





By the time the weather changed and it became comfortable outside, all of U-High seemed to be ready to move on and enjoy the summer. But before this freedom would be awarded, there was still much to do. Performers in the musical worked hard and sacrificed valuable time in order to produce a show that would continue to uphold the reputation of U-High theater. Those on the Class Night committee felt the pressure to live up to years past and continue the tradition set by so many before them. The seniors took it into their hands to create a Class Night that would outshine the previous years and give them a final hoorah. The semester was the last for not only the seniors but for the retiring faculty. Freshmen could see on the horizon no longer being the lowest rung on the high school ladder and juniors began anticipating their last year of high school. Even with spring fever the juniors had to buckle down and organize a prom that would please the leaving class while prepping for the ACT test. The juniors weren't the only ones that had to ignore the weather and focus on their studies. All around the school, finals and A.P. tests lingered in students' minds as the last obstacles to jump through before summer. Finally, a weight was lifted as the seniors walked across the stage during graduation. High school must come to an end, and for everyone it was a refreshing release.

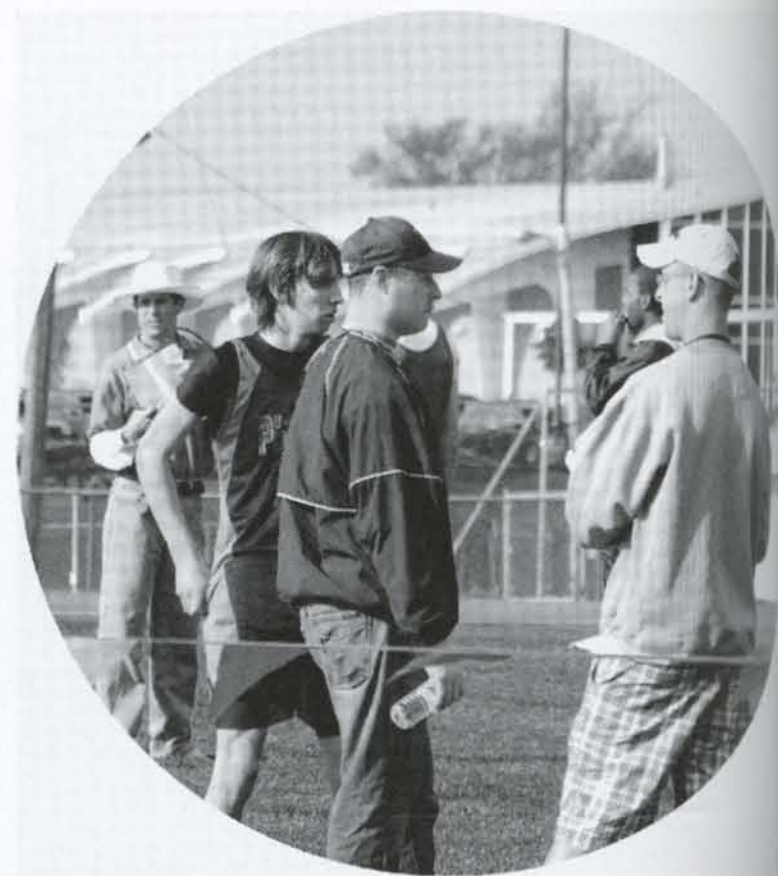
By: Rachel Solava and Matt Shrier



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Above: Junior Rachel Johnson long jumps during a track meet.  
Photo by Rachel Solava.

Left: Junior Jake Todino hurdles at the boys sectional meet.  
Photo by Matt Shrier.





# Raising the Bar

"Confidence is what you need to be crazy and run at a box with a pole." Freshman Emily Clay

By: Haley Stuckey

It's the last chance, she steps back and begins to run, accelerating with every step, she lowers the pole, jumps and plants big, swings deep, and is launched up, up, and over. The bar wobbles but holds as she lands on her back. Time catches up as freshman Emily Clay realizes the enormity of her last jump, and the crowd erupts. The pole vaulter has just become the first freshman girl in the nation to clear 12 ft.

"When I landed and knew I had cleared the bar I was really happy. I had been doing well at practice but I was still shocked," Clay said.

Clay has been vaulting since the end of her sixth grade year. She trains with Illinois Wesleyan University pole vault coach Mike Cockerham. Clay attributes her success to vaulting with Mike and her hard work.

"I think hard work is key and I hate to see people throw away talent for no reason, because they don't want to work. When I see people stop, it just makes me want to work harder," she said.

"Mike always says how in pole vault it is you and the bar, and when you become mentally tough you can achieve a lot. Confidence is what you need to be crazy and run at a box with a pole."

U-High girls track coach Eric Lyons believes Clay's previous coaching, and her hard work, along with her natural talent have helped her reach her goals.

By the end of her high school career, Clay would like to clear 14

ft. She knows that it will take a lot to reach the next level. Lyons said if she becomes a better sprinter and improves her strength 13 ft. will easily be within Clay's reach.

"I plan on working really hard. I've been on a diet it's kind of to gain weight but for muscle, and this summer I'm going to be doing some gymnastics stuff to work more on my technique. I don't have it all planned but I'll be working as hard as I can to get better," Clay said.

On top of setting pole vault records, Clay has been leading the girls track team by example.

"People have realized that they can push themselves and Emily has shown them how hard they can work. She has really raised the bar in terms of what our athletes believe they can do," Lyons said.



Above: Freshman Emily Clay pole vaults at the state track meet.  
Photo by Alyssa Humphreys.





# Always True in Their Fashion

By: Sarah Capodice

This was the first year that I did not participate in the school musical since third grade. And while I was unsure of how the production would go on without me (just kidding,) I was pleased to find that U-High soundly upheld its reputation for having the best school musical in the Bloomington-Normal area.

The story is essentially a play about a play. Two ex-lovers, Lilli and Fred, are to star in Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." For those of you not familiar with your Shakespeare, the popular movie "10 Things I Hate About You" is based off of that famous play.

It soon becomes apparent that Lilli and Fred are still in love, but appear to be too bitter about the past to work effectively on stage. In the "Taming of the Shrew," Fred's character, Petruchio, eventually wins over the heart of Lilli's character, Kate. The question then, is if Fred will be able to re-win over Lilli's heart off stage.

As far as the acting was concerned, I thought the four leads, as well as the rest of the cast, did a spectacular job. In general, the performances by the main characters were significantly better than last year. I must say that I was very impressed with senior Matt Skibo, who had the lead male role of Fred/Petruchio. He was charming, funny, and very convincing.

However, I felt the two best actors weren't within the four leads. Two gangsters, out to ensure a shady IOU was paid, were played by junior Nick Geyer and senior Alex Auer. These mobsters were laugh-out-loud hilarious, and just about stole the scene a few times. Their funny duet, "Brush Up Your Shakespeare" added comedic relief, but left me wishing I knew a little bit more about Shakespeare myself.

Other standout numbers include "Tom, Dick, or Harry," and

"Always True to You in My Fashion," both led by Lois/Bianca, played by junior Jennifer Koth. She simply has an amazing voice, and her sultry, seductive character certainly lit up the stage.

I also really enjoyed "I Hate Men," sung by Lilli/Kate, played by senior Samantha Bryden. Bryden was wholly convincing in this role, and I liked watching her character unfold from the jaded drama queen to a woman who was just looking for a little love.

Yet the best song by far was the opener of the second act, "To Darn Hot." This spicy jazz dance number featured junior Kieran Pereira both vocally, on the trumpet, and in his tap shoes. The choreography was really spectacular, and the small cast allowed everyone to be seen and noticed.

Another highlight of the musical was the set. It was easily the most intricate and professional looking set design since "Les Miserables" in 2004. The scene changes were done quickly and quietly, and the entire stage was very impressive.

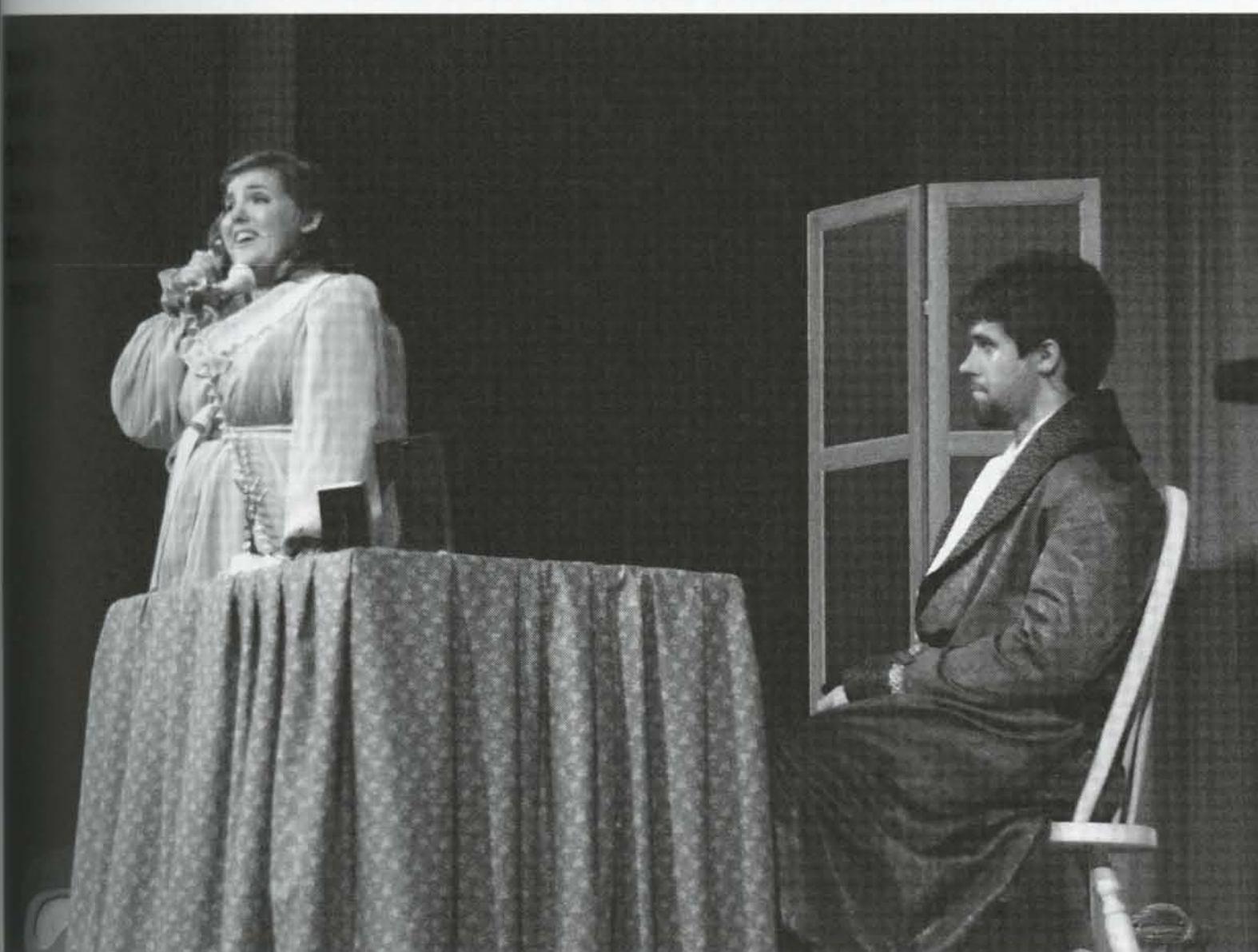
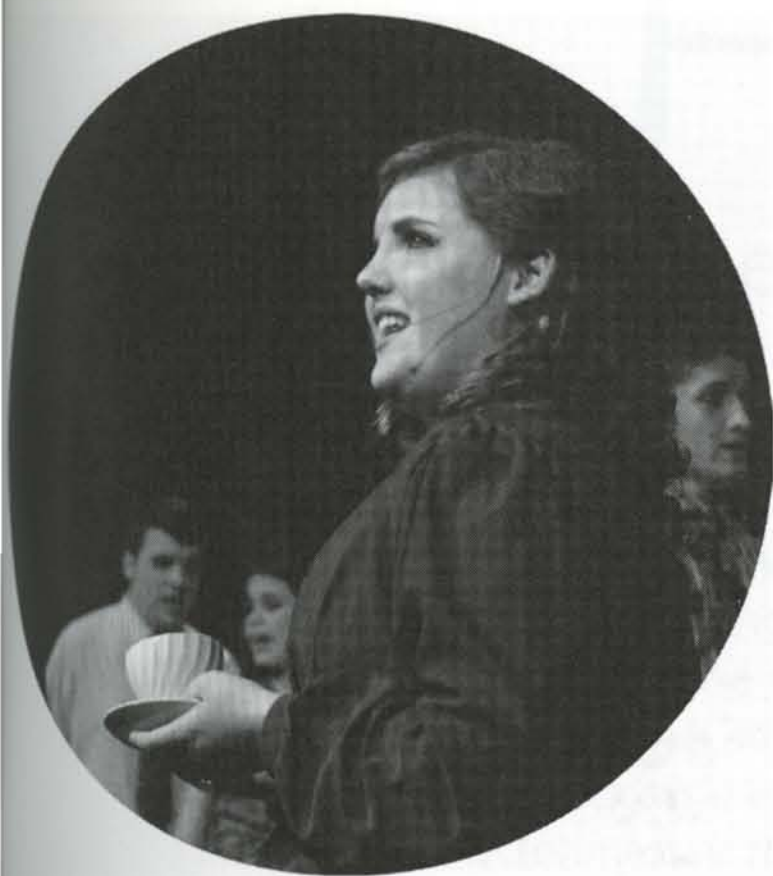
My only complaint was that there were a few scenes that really dragged on. The several second pauses between lines lead me to wonder if the actors were adlibbing or had even forgotten their lines. However, I did go on opening night, so I'll chalk it up to that and possibly nerves. Even with the slow scenes, the play stayed true to the promised two and a half hour running time.

Despite the slightly controversial content, the inappropriate language at parts, and not terribly discrete sexual implications in a few scenes, I felt the musical was presented in a classy way. The acting, music, and set were all outstanding. All I can say is, if you missed "Kiss Me Kate" you missed a really exceptional musical.



Above: The four stars of Kiss Me Kate entertain the audience. All photos by Matt Shrier.

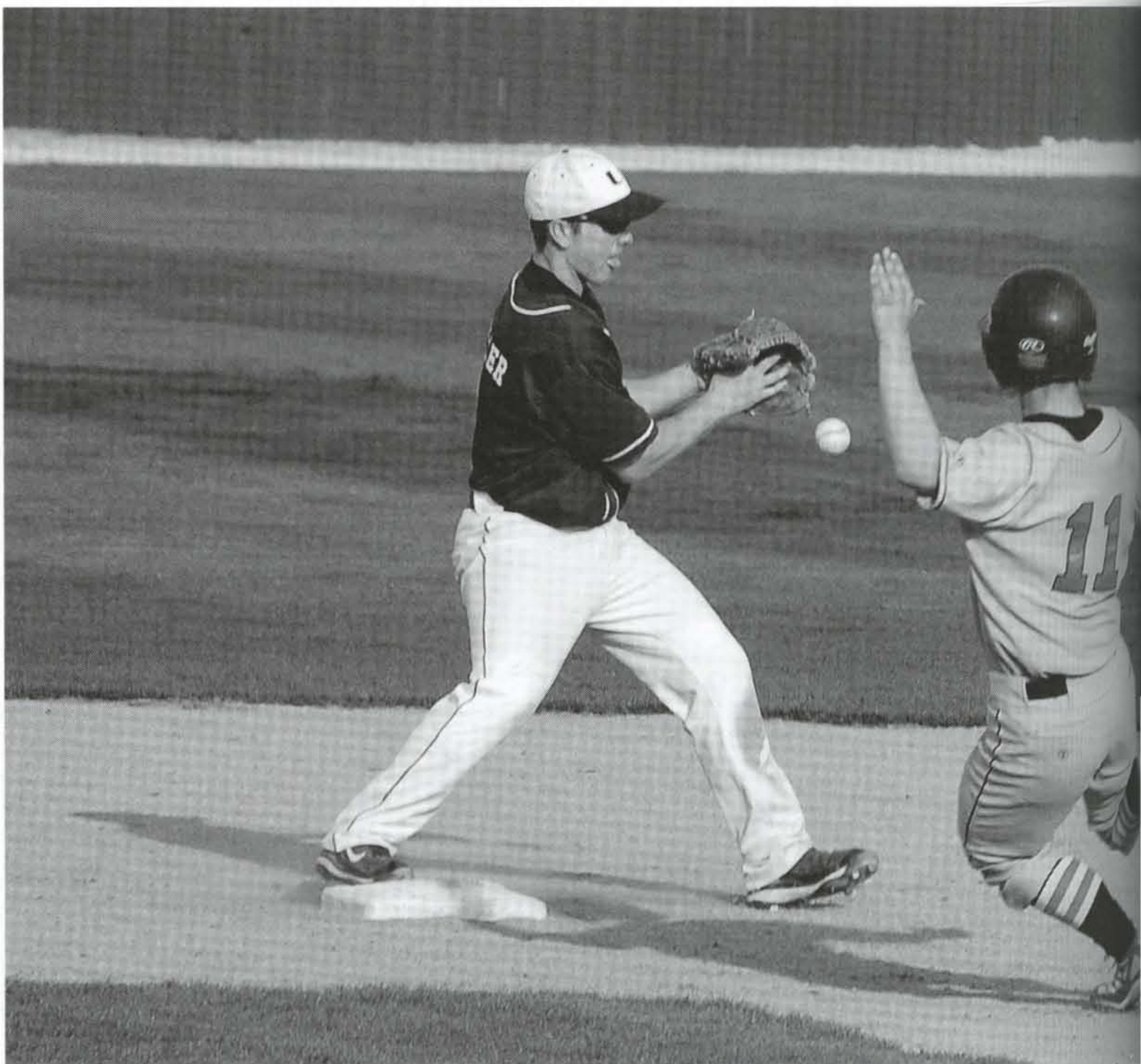
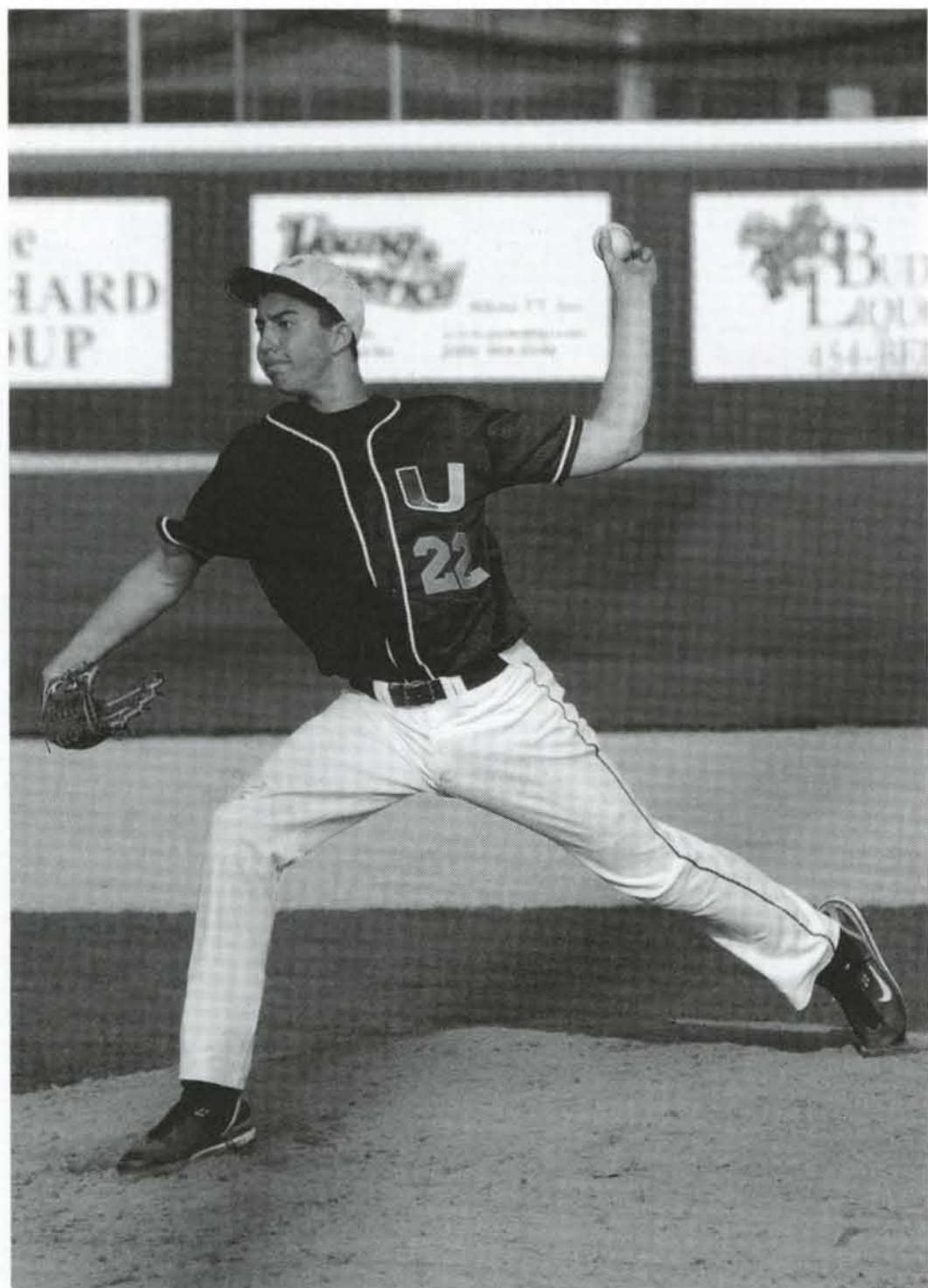
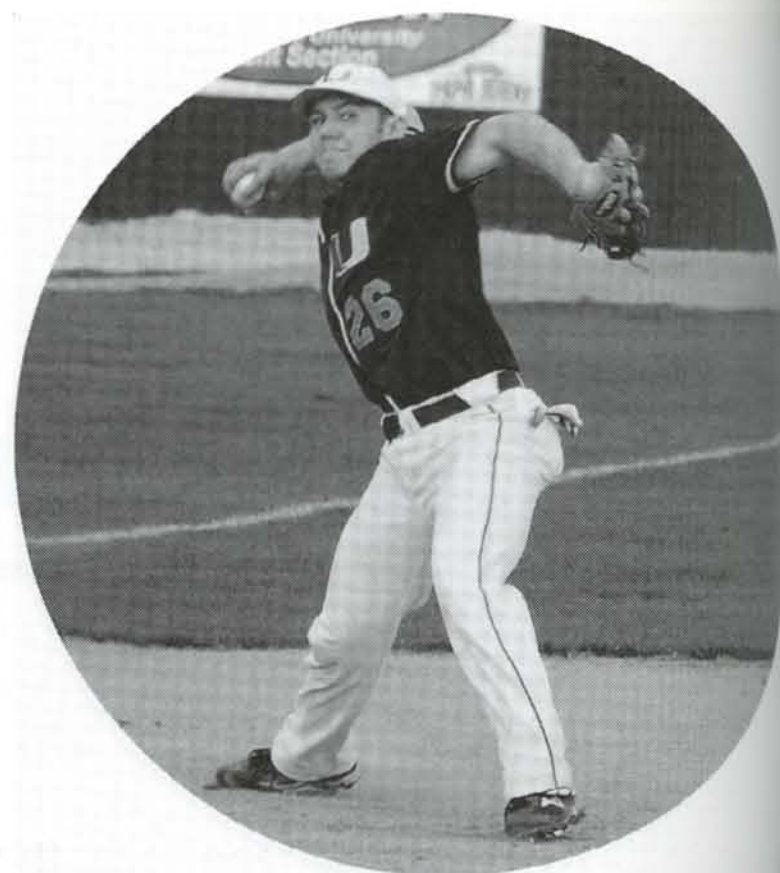
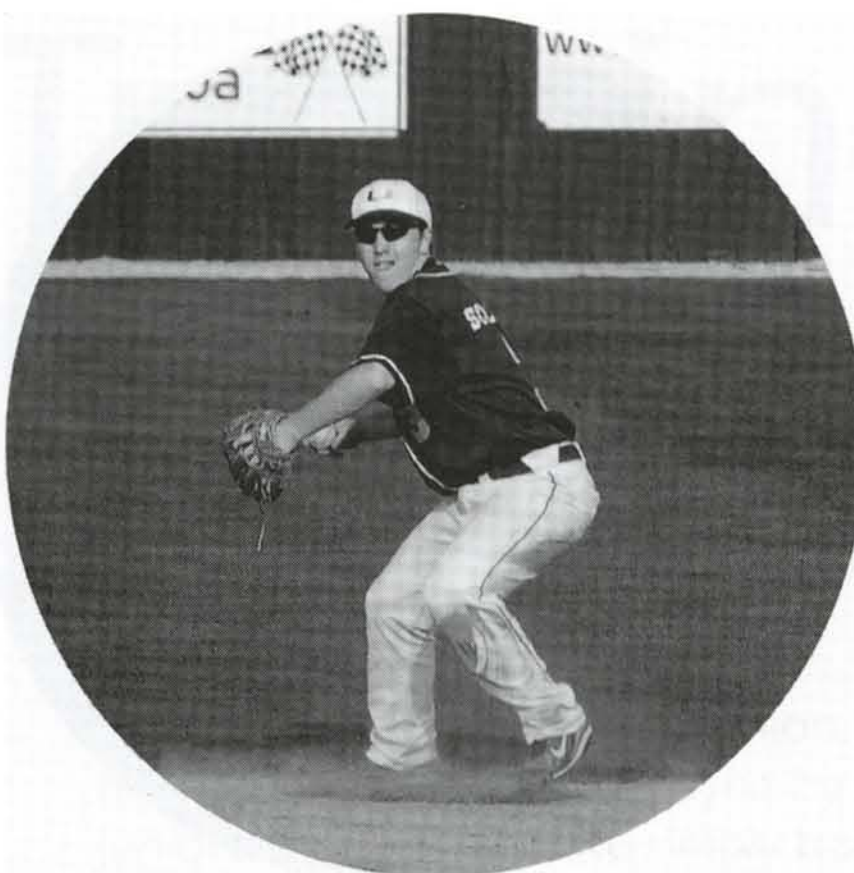




Above: Junior Jenny Koth talks on the phone during the preformance of Kiss me Kate.

Left: Senior Samantha Bryden as Kate performs along side senior Matt Skibo as Fred.





Above: Sophomore Connor Brown pitches a fast ball.

All photos by Andi Peterson.

Right: Coach Bee talks with the team about a pitching change.





# Hitting Home

"Overall the game was faster and its gets faster every time you move up a level. You have to grow with the game."

Senior Joe Waropay

By: Rachel Solava

Entering high school and being a member of the varsity team is a dream for many athletes. The athletes who do achieve this go on to become essential players and leaders on the team over their four years. However, only a small percentage of athletes continue their careers in college, nonetheless Division I universities. This is the dream of senior Joe Waropay, and next year he will achieve this goal at Western Illinois University where he will play Division I baseball.

Like most dedicated athletes, Waropay has been playing since he was young. Baseball has always been a part of his life.

"I'd say my dad taught me everything. I grew up learning from him because it was something he always loved," Waropay said.

In addition to his father, Waropay learned from his fellow varsity players his freshman year. The senior guys took Waropay in, helped him adjust, and watched over him.

"I could have been terrible but the senior class took me in as one of the guys. They were like big brothers to me; I could ask anyone on the team for help. I was with them at school, on and off the field. I loved it and looked up to them," Waropay said.

Freshman year is filled with drastic changes and opportunities for growth for everyone, but especially for athletes. Every game is on a higher level and the competition is fiercer.

"Overall the game was faster and its gets faster every time you move up a level. You have to grow with the game," Waropay said.

However, the growth does not stop after freshman year. Waropay continued to grow and mature over the next four years on and off the field.

"I've grown into my body and matured physically, but baseball is a game that is 95% in your head. I learned to relax, play baseball, and not to try too hard," he said.

Coach Greg Bee has coached Waropay all four years at U-High and has watched his transformation from a talented freshman to an outstanding ball player.

"Joe has gotten stronger through the years. He has developed into a top-notch catcher and has certainly improved his defensive skills, including his throwing. I think even more impressively, Joe developed himself into a

very good hitter, and established himself as a strong threat in our offensive line-up," Bee said.

With this growth came more responsibility in regards to the team. As a senior, it was Waropay's turn to step up and be the kind of leader he looked up to four years ago.

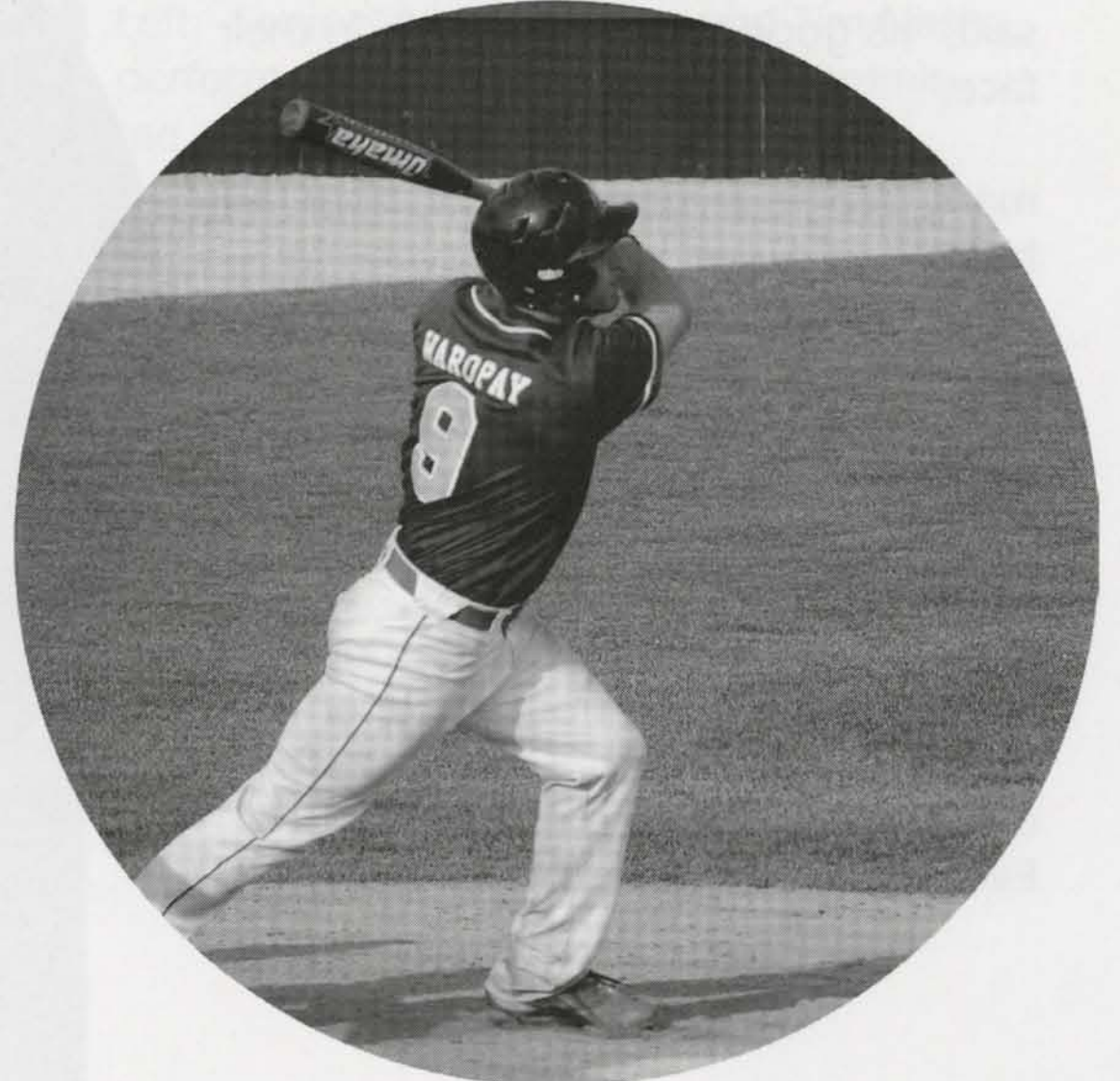
"Joe's best strength is his overall leadership skills and work ethic. He is an outstanding leader and works hard all the time. He is truly a leader by example," Bee said.

A prime example of Waropay's determination and hard work was when an accident occurred at practice, injuring his throwing hand. A teammate's metal spike sliced Waropay's index finger. His fingernail had to be removed and he needed several stitches. However, Waropay was out on the field the next day for the game.

"It was very difficult to play. It just started to feel better, but I was still out of my comfort zone. I had to throw, hit, and play differently, but I wasn't going to let my team down," he said.

Waropay's enthusiasm and experience from both baseball at U-High and summer leagues will carry him to the next level of the game. His family and coaches are all proud of him and are anxious to see his performance at WIU.

"Joe has an outstanding character and has a tough mental approach towards the game. His intangibles are what separate him from most of the other players. He'll need to continue to develop these skills next year at Western, but he has a great idea of what it takes to be successful," Bee said.



Above: Senior Zach Zentner tries to tag out the opponent at second base.



# Can't Stop the Beat

"I like the audience to be on our same level, it's good to be able to get in their face." Senior Chadman James

By: Matt Shrier

Six bands and one empty tech room. The 2008 Pioneer Palooza was an exercise in simplicity: a giant open room solid enough to trap in every sound, around three makeshift stages on the far side of the room, and a small table of drinks in the back. The bands and the crowd filled in the gaps.

"It wasn't until about two hours before that we decided to move it into the tech room," junior Alex Scharf said, who was the primary organizer of the event.

With so much space there was more than enough room for people to move around and even get a little rowdy during some of the acts.

"People told me after the show that they were moshing and crowd surfing during our set," senior Tim Nash said, "It was one of the most active crowds we've played to."

With the stage on the floor, the bands and the audience were on the same level, creating an intimate atmosphere for the two to interact.

"I like the audience to be on our same level," senior Chadman James said, "it's good to be able to get in their face."

Organizing a night with this many people involved was no easy task, but Scharf pulled it off and even managed to play in her band, Jenny and the Alexs.

"The hardest part was getting all the bands to commit fully," she said. "It's good that we started planning early."

The range of music throughout the night was wide, from the opening grunge-rock act of Comsah to the underground hip-hop of The Morlocks. Even some historical folk got thrown in

when teachers Bob Fitzgerald and Andy Davis treated those present to a couple tunes.

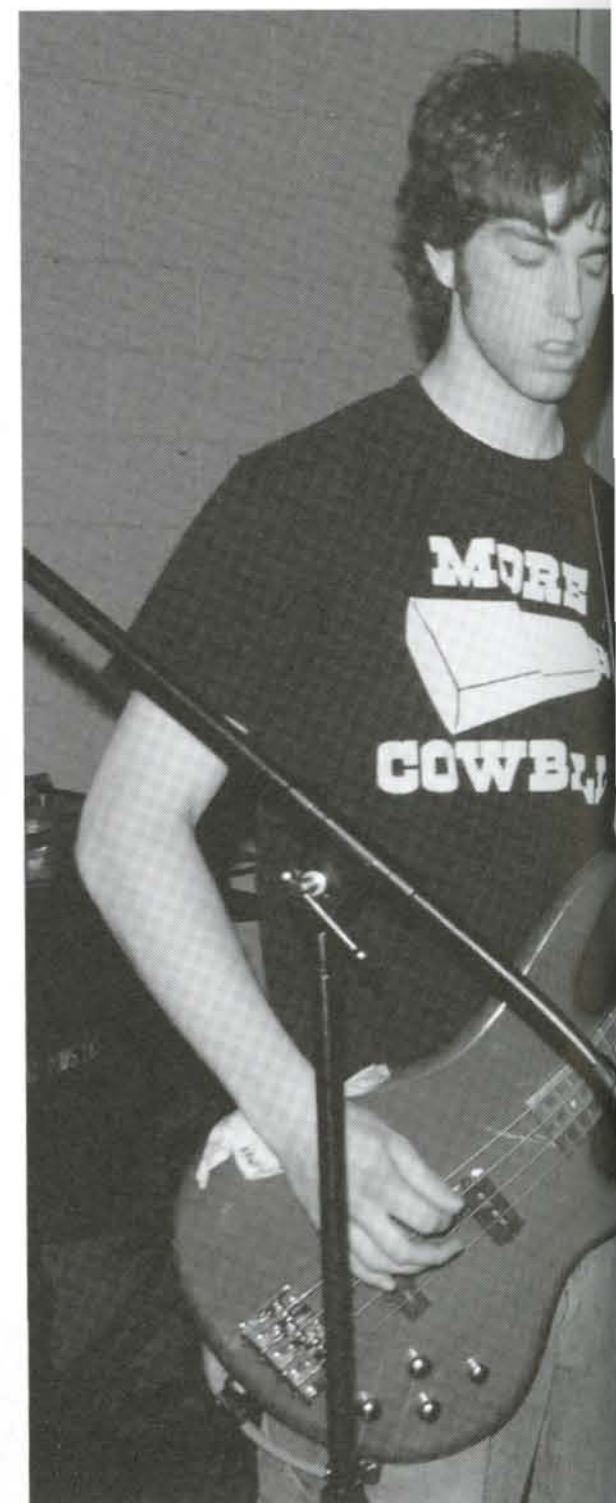
"Here's a historical one for ya" Fitzgerald said as he started strumming his mandolin and proceeded to sing a World War II soldier song.

The night peaked with energy as The Arson Committee ended their set and left the mixture of punk, rock, and SKA ringing in everyone's ears and pumping them for the final act, The Morlocks.

As both their original beats and samples boomed over the audience, a circle enclosed the rappers and rhymes started flying.

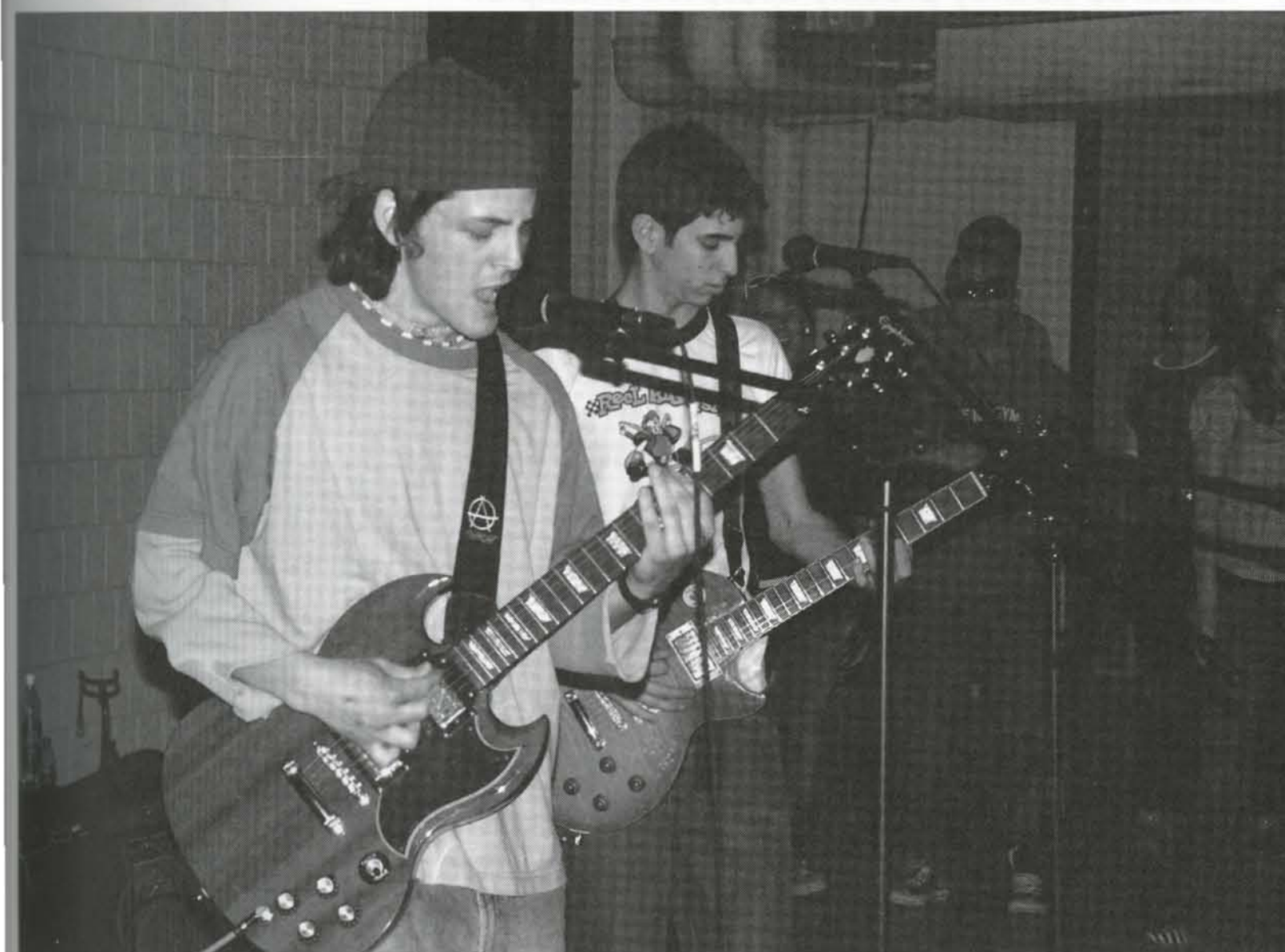
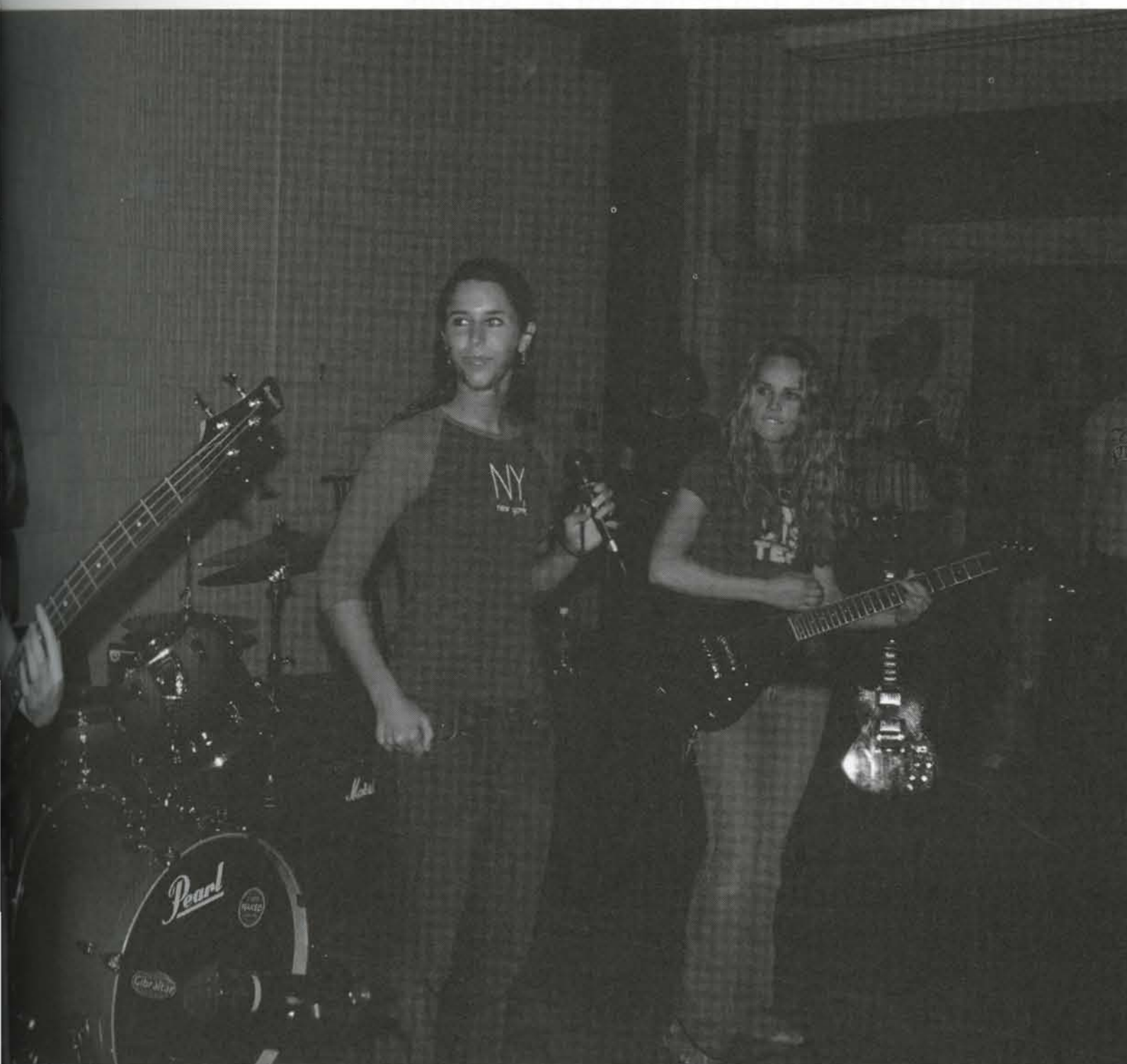
After an energy filled set and an impromptu encore of "Tree O'Clock" in which the rappers beat-boxed over the chanting and the crowd, the night came to a close.

"We went over our time a little," James said, "but the administration seemed to be down with it."



Above: Senior Alex Auer solos on bass during his performance with Jenny and the Alexs.  
All photos by Matt Shrier.





Left: Seniors Nick Hutchins and Tim Nash perform with their band, Arson Committee, at Pioneer Palooza.

Above: Hank Spies raps with the group, Morlocks.



# Dodging the Pain

“Dodgeball is intense, insane. It’s such an adrenaline rush.” Junior Kirk Saunders

By: Jenna Floyd

Eight red balls were placed on the half court line, while the “U-High All Stars” and the “Bomb Squad” positioned their toes on the yellow volleyball court stripe. A garbled voice came over the scratchy sound system, letting the teams know they could begin. In a swift motion, a red ball was whipped across the half court line; the first student was out, and the first annual school wide dodgeball tournament was underway.

Students and parents sat in the stands, enthusiastically watching the frenzied event that was unfolding in front of them. Cameras flashed and people cheered. The gym was a sea of color with students wearing outfits ranging from all black to lime-green, cheering as they watched the action. Teams were given artistic freedom to create names and outfits to play in.

Junior Kirk Saunders, of the team “AAAH! Viking,” said the person who invented dodgeball was ingenious.

“It’s intense; insane. It’s such an adrenaline rush,” he said. “It [the first round] was intense and relaxed at the same time.”

Senior Xixi Tian stood at one end of the gym, throwing the stray dodgeballs back towards the participants. Even after being pelted several times, she said she was having fun.

“It’s important to help out a charity. Something like this is really great; people like watching dodgeball,” she said.

In addition to providing a night of fun and games for both teachers and students, the tournament collected \$890 for the charity “Nothing but Nets.”

English intern Patrick Skuba organized the dodgeball tournament and created a consolation bracket, but most believed there would not be enough time. Around halfway through the tournament, to allow the teams who had lost an opportunity to play a few more rounds, Skuba brought the consolation bracket out again.

P.E. teacher and dodgeball official Maria Pessman said Skuba was the only

one who had the consolation bracket write-up, so communication was not so good between gyms.

“Next year we’ll work on it; we’ll have pre-made brackets and copies for all workers,” she said.

Meanwhile in the large gym, a team who called themselves “Girls Gone Wilder” crept through the brackets and found themselves in the final student versus student round against “P-Kitz.” In a triumphant win, “Girls Gone Wilder” advanced to the ultimate round: against the teachers.

No khakis or ties were seen on the teachers’ half of the court; all donned sweat-pants and green Polos to try and defeat “Girls Gone Wilder” in the ‘best two out of three’ championship round.

The first round was a heated battle; math teacher Mike Sondgeroth, a stationary object in the center of their half, held several dodgeballs in his hand while the other teachers skittered around, avoiding getting hit. At one moment, band director Jason Landes was the only one left against seniors Kevin Forde, Alex Auer, and Nick Houska.

After two exciting rounds of play, in which the teachers lost both, the boys on “Girls Gone Wilder” were proclaimed the school wide dodgeball champions. The crowd cheered as they proudly accepted champion T-shirts, compliments of Rotary Interact club with help from the art class.

Forde was proud of his team for becoming the school wide champions, because they doubted they would make it past the first round.

“Good luck to the team next year because they’ve got big shoes to fill,” Forde said. “And short shorts, too.”

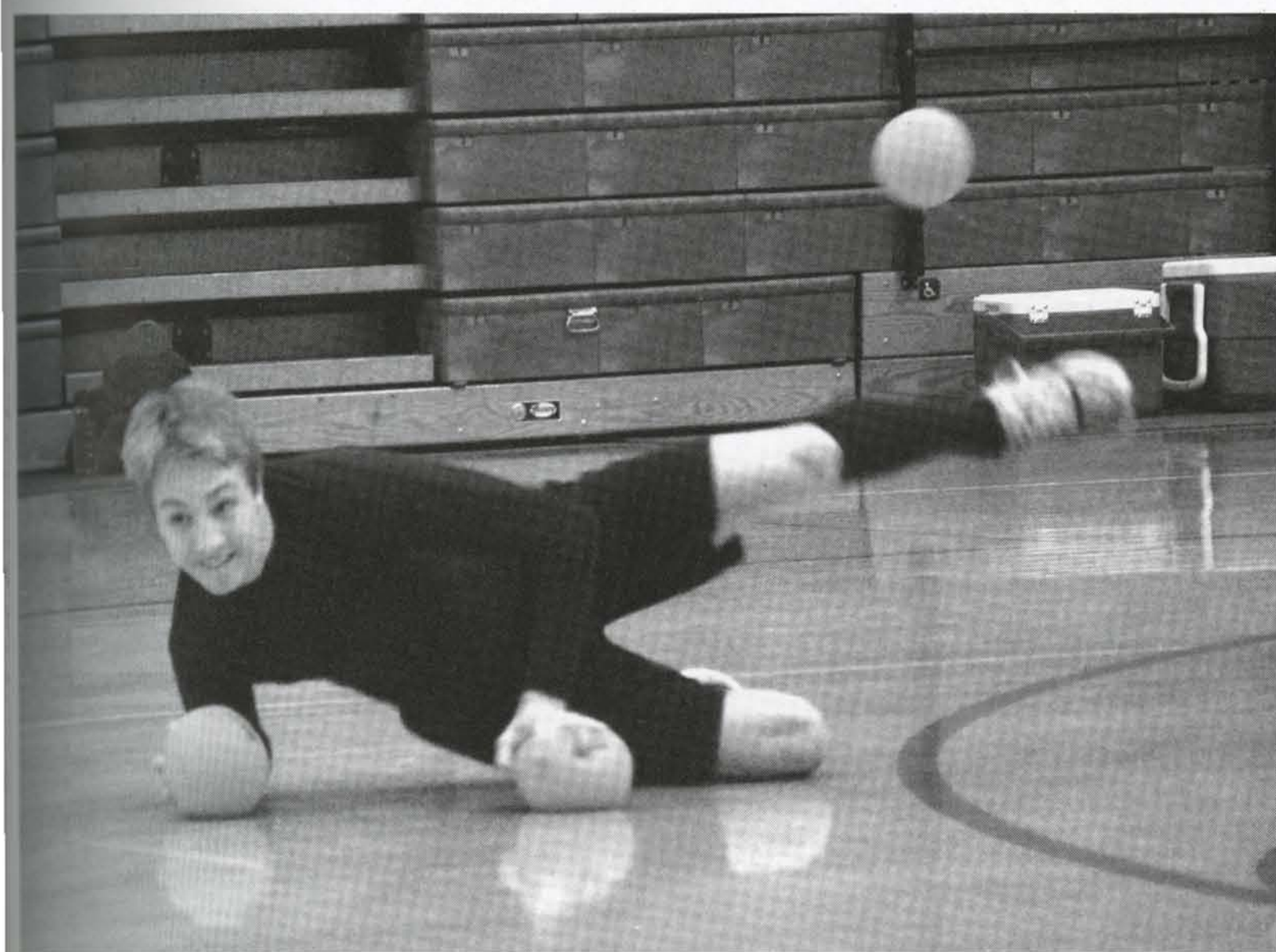
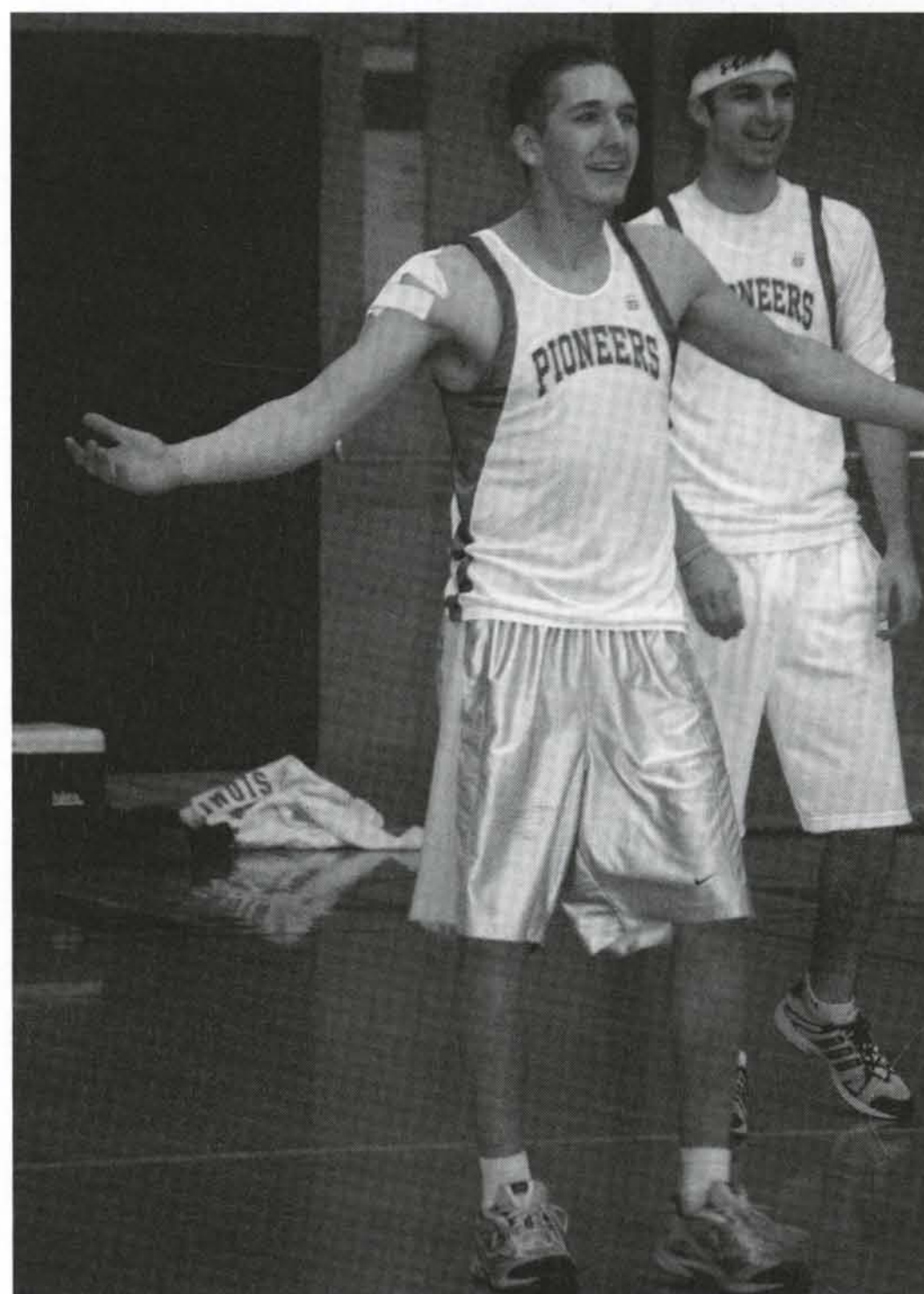
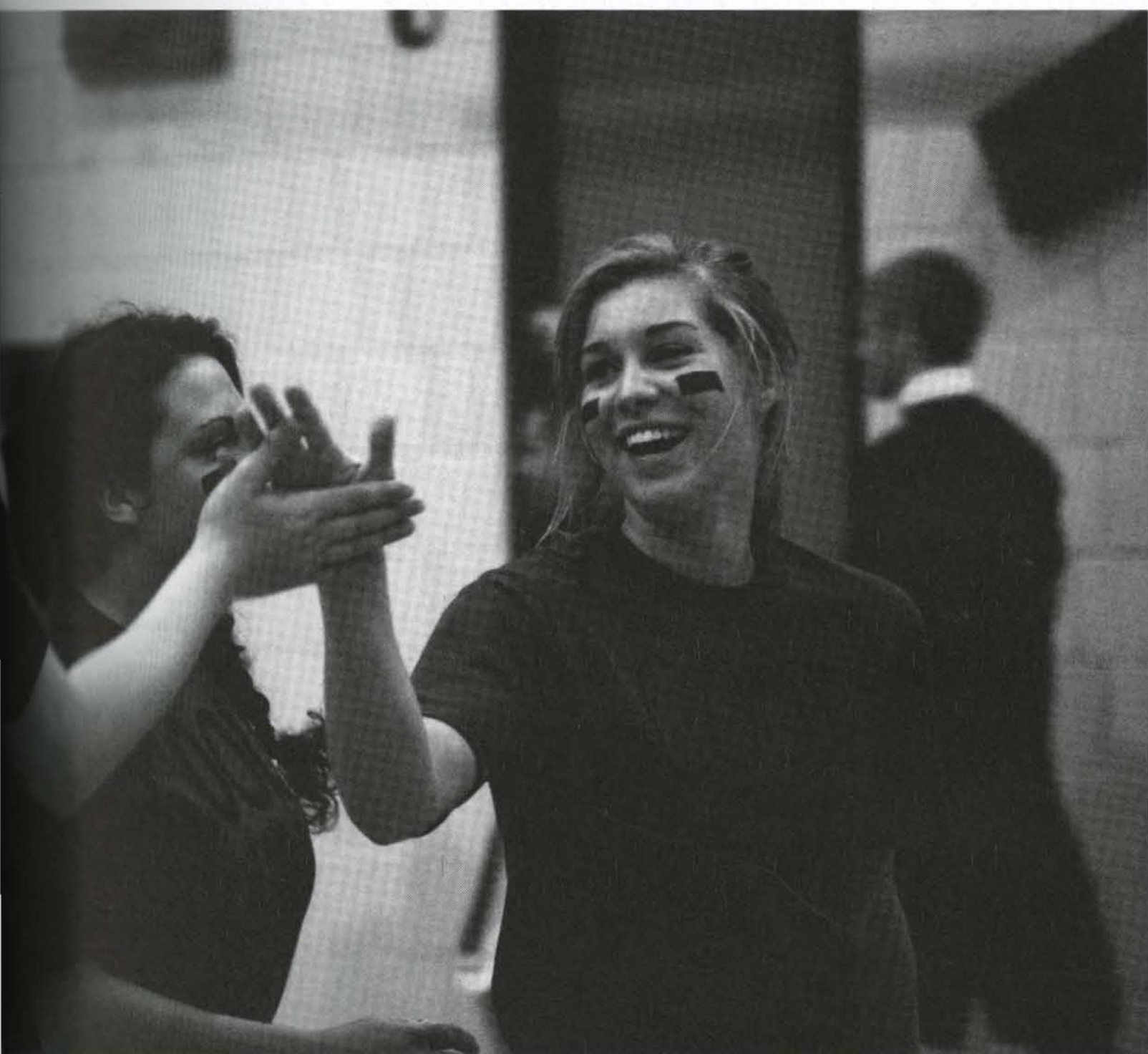
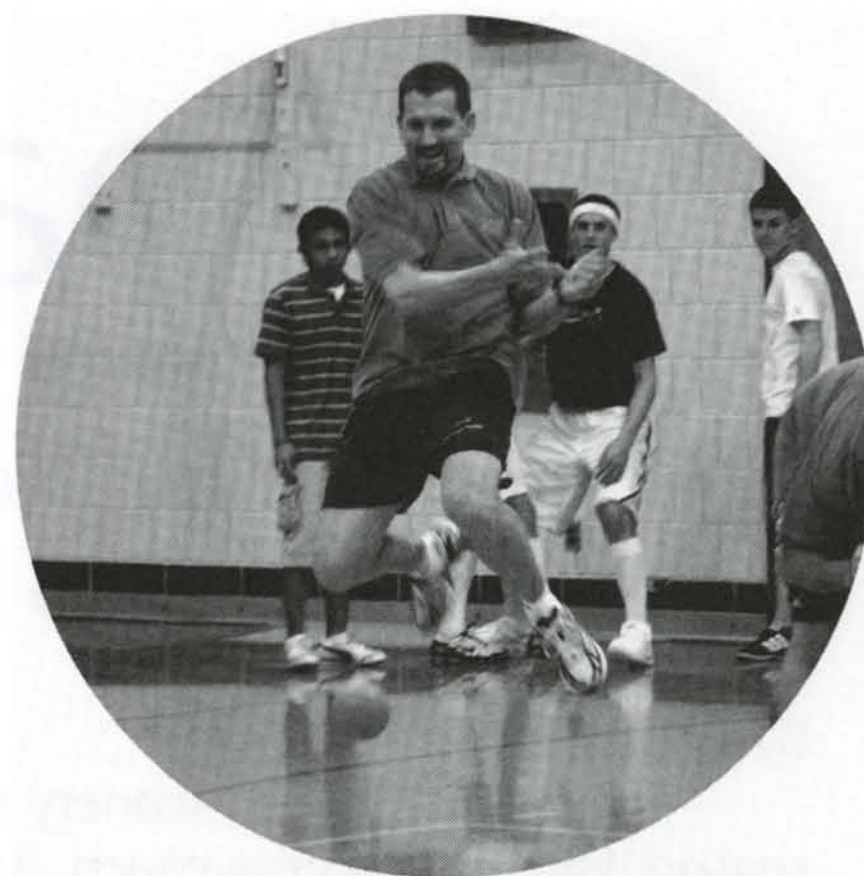
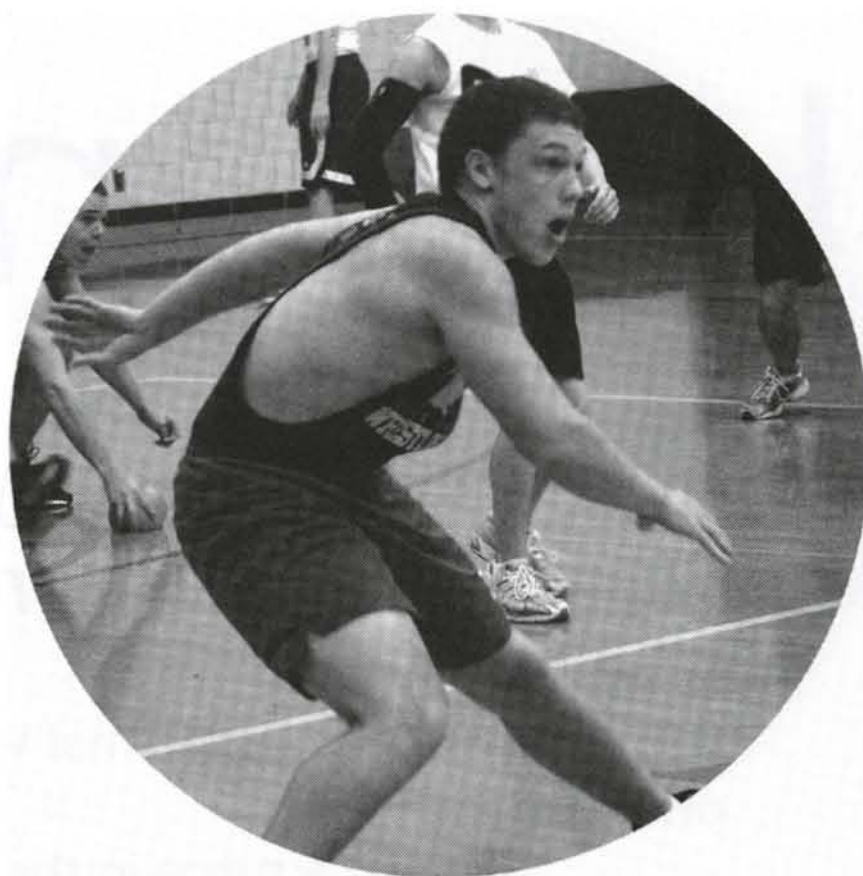
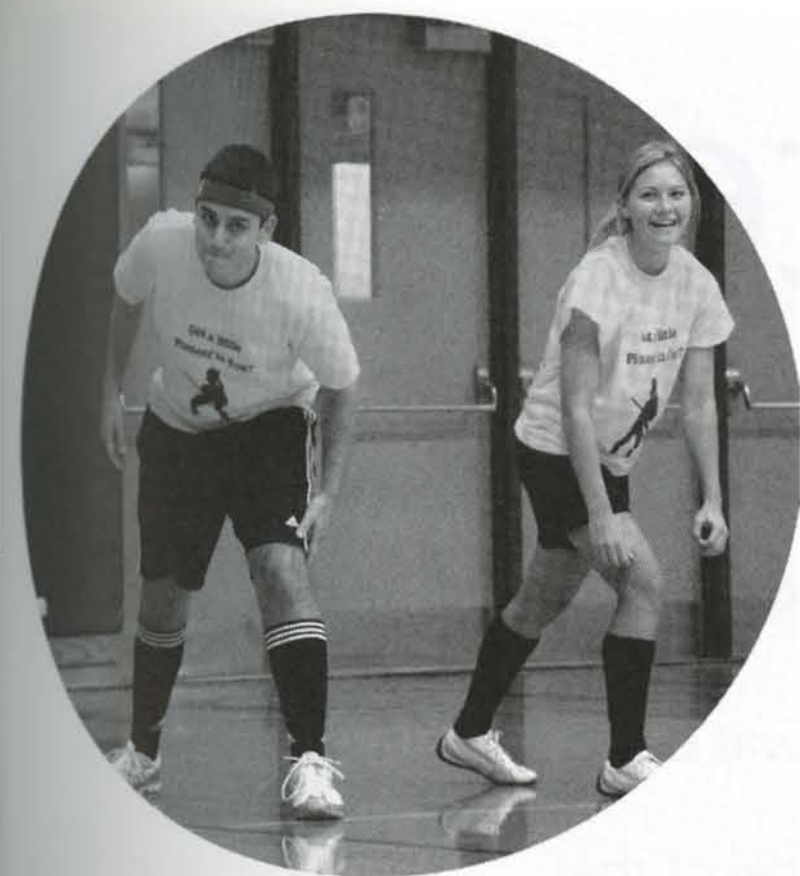
Skuba said he learned a lot from the experience, and said he would love to do something like it again, only with a bit more organization next time.

“It was a blast,” he said. “I really wanted to do it; it’s my way of giving back to the students.”



Left: Sophomore Olivia Castillo high-fives her team-mate after winning a game. All Photos by Rachel Solava.





Above: Math intern David Hochstetter argues about a call during the dodgeball tournament.

Left: Junior Ky Bailey dives to the ground while dodging a ball.



# Goal Oriented

"Everyone is good on our team which really helps in preparing you for teams in the intercity." Sophomore Jenna Wampler

By: Sean Dozier

With a change in scenery this season, including a new coach, the girls varsity soccer team looked forward to a difficult and demanding intercity competition. With stiff rivalry this year, involving the state finalist Normal West High School, the girls soccer team knew they had a tough road ahead and stood up to the challenge.

"Everyone is good on our team which really helps in preparing you for teams in the intercity," sophomore Jenna Wampler said.

The team opened the intercity soccer competition against Normal Community. The girls won that game 3-1 to compensate for the game they lost last year 0-3.

"It was a great confidence builder, beating a team we had lost to last year in a disappointing way, and then beating them really helps the team's moral," senior Liz Phipps said.

After beating Central Catholic and Bloomington, the girls faced their toughest challenge, Normal West, who were returning six varsity players from their state qualifier team.

"It was intimidating to face them, but we took the challenge head on, and had a great game plan for it," junior Paige Knippenberg said.

The entire team was anxious about the game against Normal West.

"For the past two years, they have beat us soundly by an average of a seven goal difference per game," Phipps said.

Ready for a demanding and tough game the girls played hard and gave their opponents the toughest

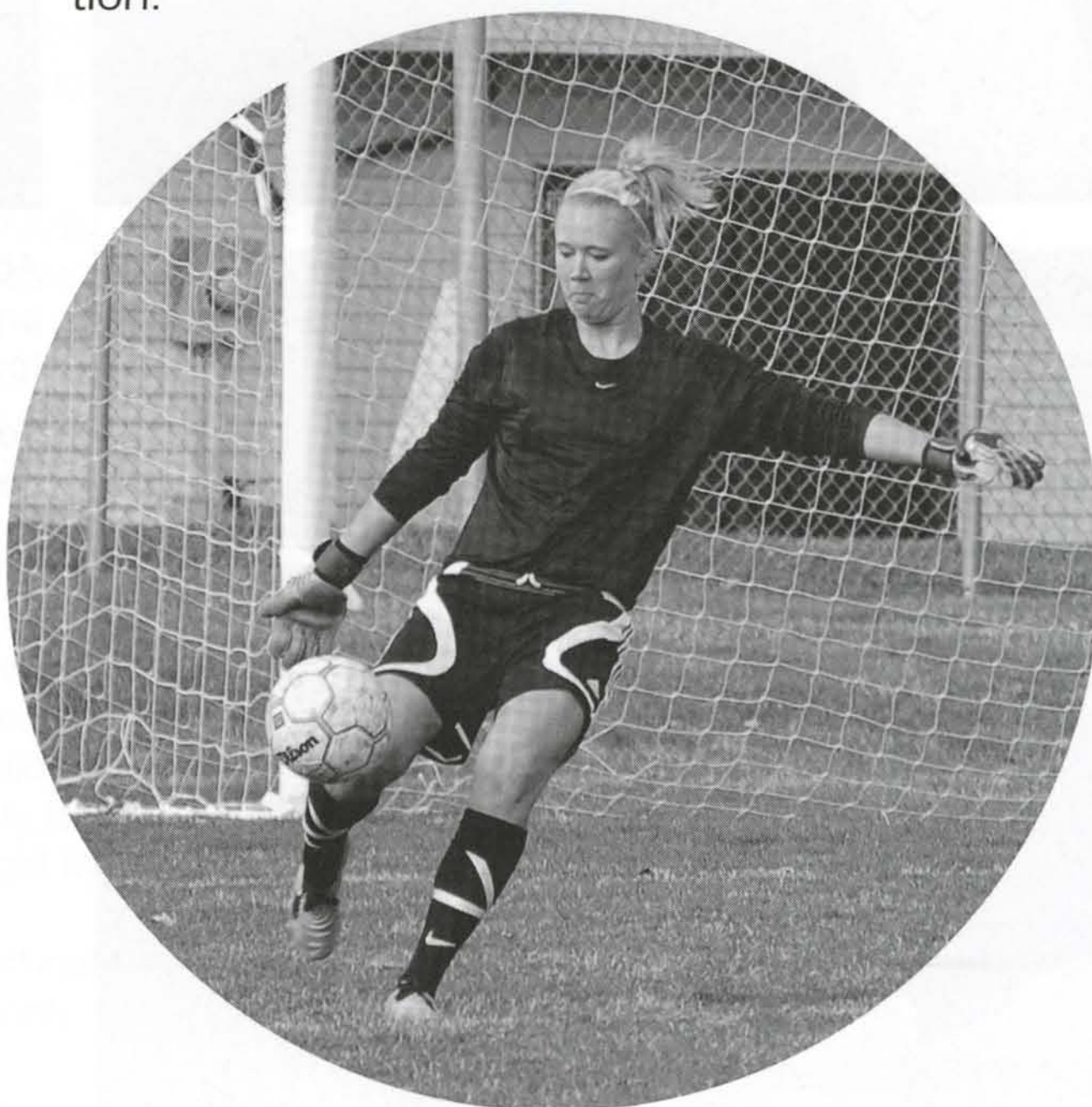
game of the season. Normal West was only up one goal at halftime.

"We had a surge in the middle of the second half and managed to make it 2-1 after i got elbow dropped by the keeper and was able to convert a penalty kick with about 20 minutes left. At that same time Jenna had to leave the game with a concussion, and was unable to return," Phipps said.

West scored another goal; however, U-High rallied back with another goal from Phipps assisted by senior Erin Sage with four minutes left. The game ended in a loss, but the girls were still proud of the way they played.

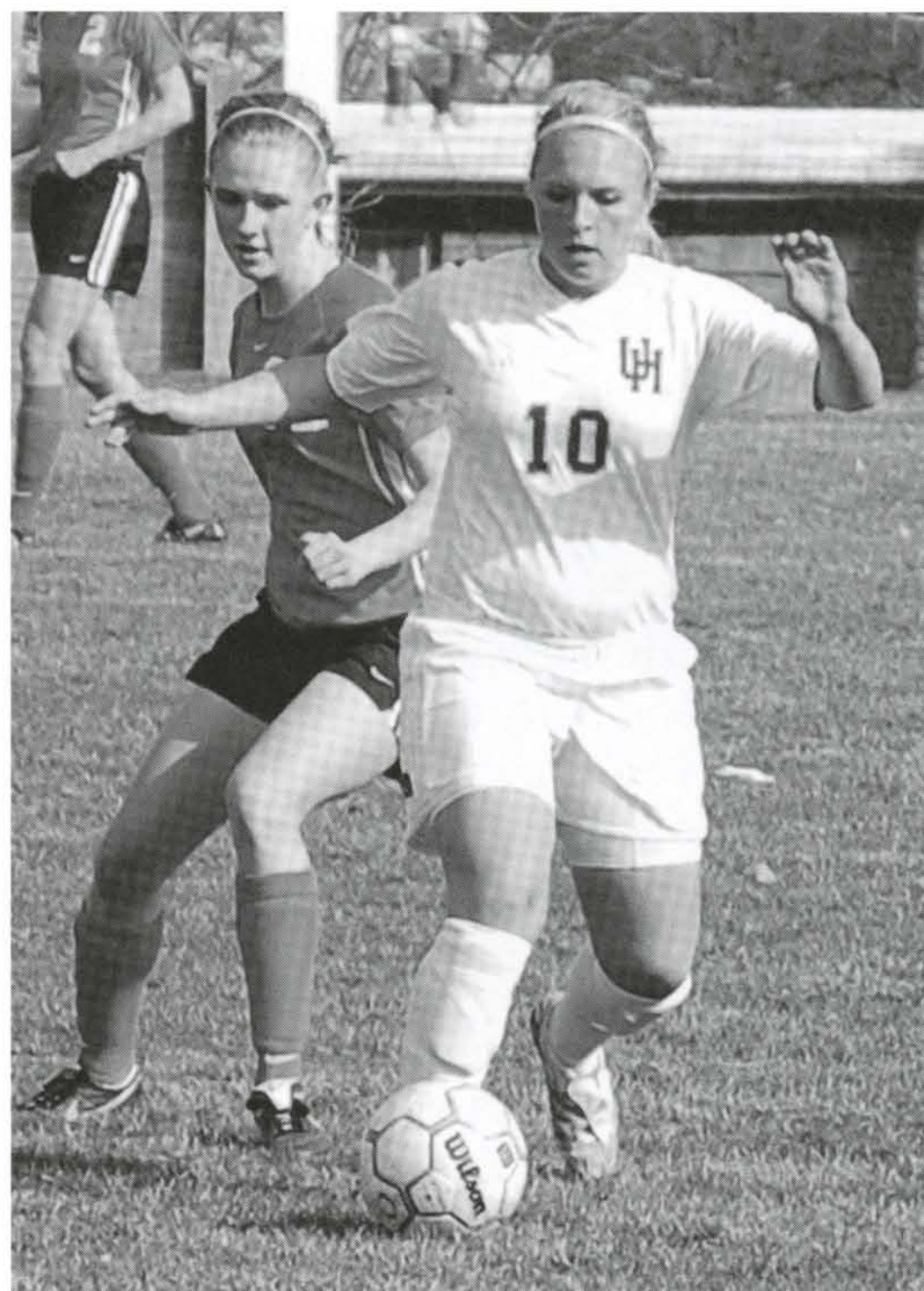
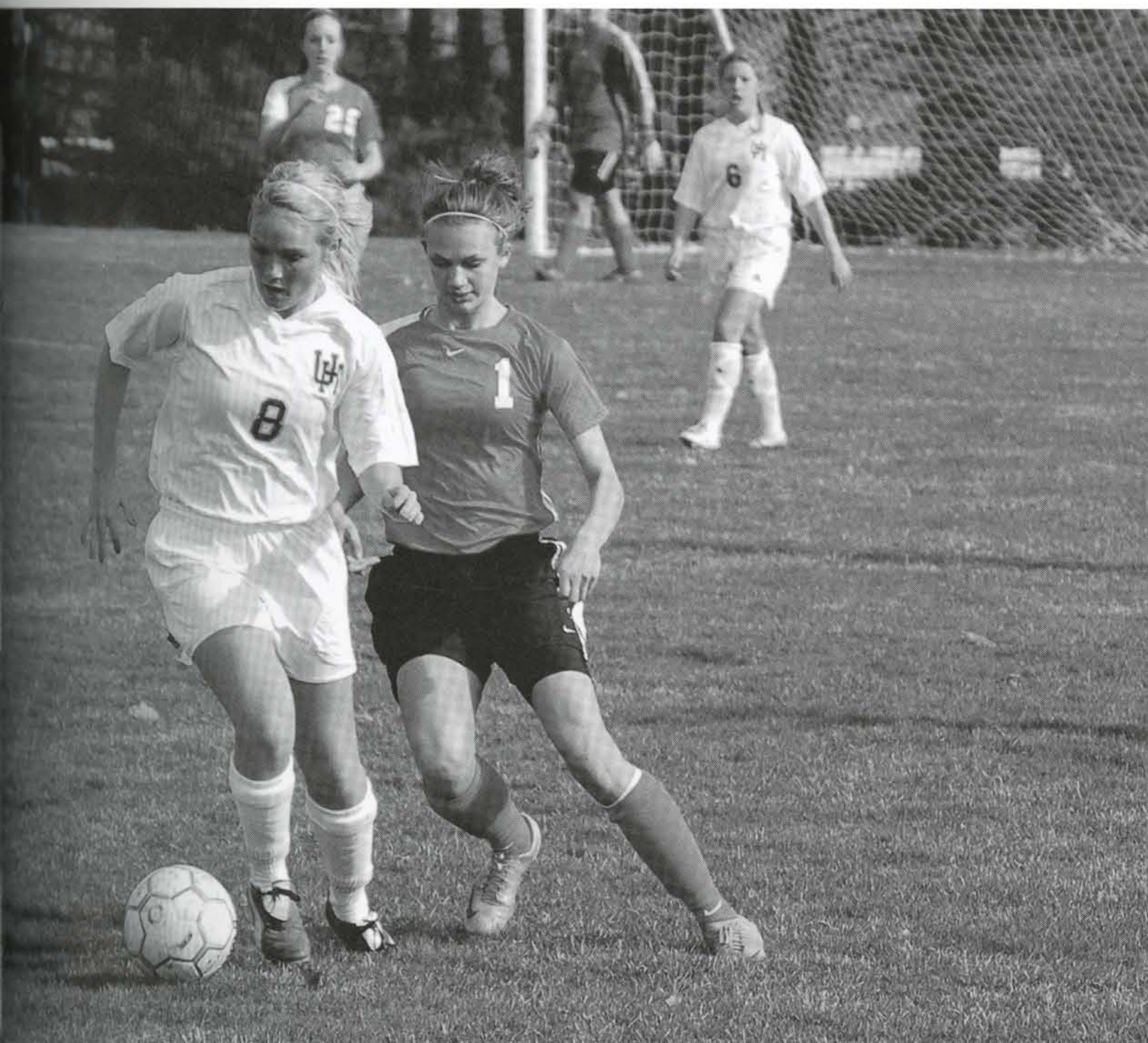
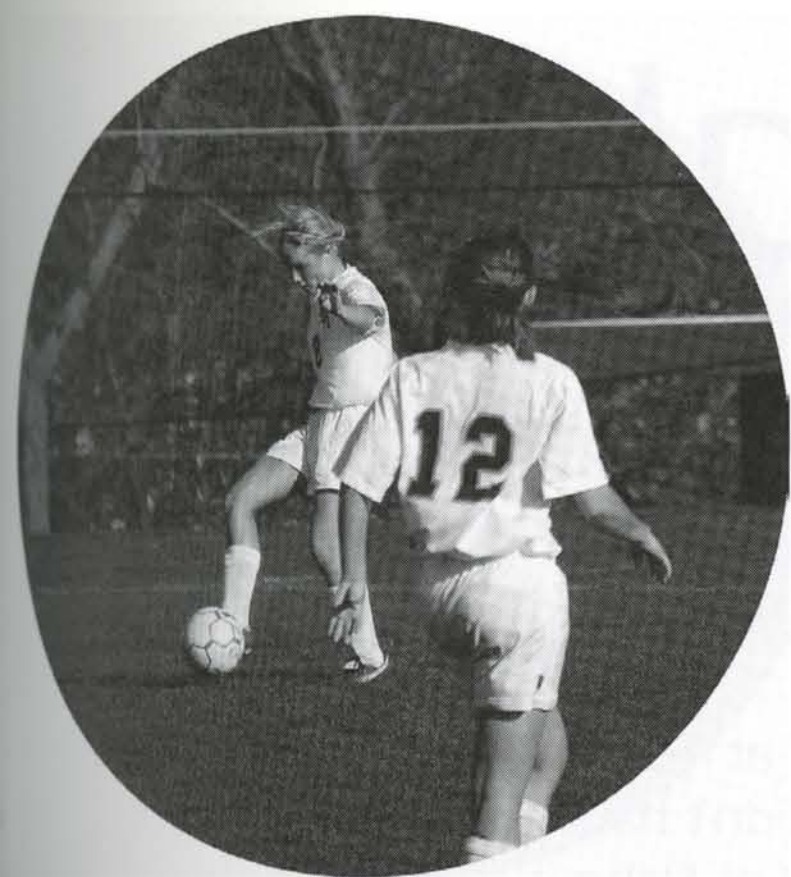
"That in itself was a win within a loss, they are a really good team and I am proud of the way our team battled against them," Phipps said.

Finishing second in intercity, the U-High girls soccer team had accomplished all they could. The girls were proud of the work they had done in a very difficult intercity competition.



Above: Junior Courtney Allen dribbles the ball away from the opponent.  
All photos by Bryant Carlson





Above: Sophomore Mackenzie Olsen fights for the ball.

Left: Senior Lilz Phipps tries to get the ball past the goalie.



# Dine-In Delight

"It was nice just kicking back and relaxing while we ate. The meal was fantastic and the fact that we had our closest friends around was really nice." Senior Matt Skibo

By: Alex Kraft

The stage lights glare as the members of the 07-08 Prom Court stand ready to hear who will be crowned king and queen. Silence falls over Stroud and Mike Sondgeroth announces seniors Matt Skibo and Kaitlyn Wampler as the winners.

What makes Prom such a special and defining high school memory is so much more than the hours spent doing hair, applying make-up, and planning the perfect diner. Prom is the one night of the school year that every student feels like royalty.

While Skibo and Wampler actually got the crown, each student got the chance to dress up and party like rock stars.

"I could feel the energy in the room before my name was announced, it was the most special feeling in the world," Wampler said.

Prom is like no other night for high school students, and each one goes to extreme lengths to ensure their night is perfect. While the memories of Prom night fill students' heads, after paying for the perfect attire, a spectacular dinner, and tickets to the dance, students may find they have empty wallets.

For many U-High students dining at home was one way to keep the cost of Prom down, and the memories close to home.

"I couldn't have asked for a better Prom," senior Angie Ostaszewski said.

Ostaszewski hosted a dinner party for fourteen of her friends, as opposed to going out to dinner. Many of the dishes served were prepared by her guests so the cost of the dinner was spread out evenly among the couples.

"Everyone brought food they liked, and it turned out that we all liked it too," Ostaszewski said.

Many students who dined at home felt more comfortable because they didn't have to worry about being out in public. For Skibo it was a pleasant feeling knowing he didn't have to wait, or make reservations at a fancy restaurant.

"It was fun just kicking back and relaxing while we ate," Skibo said. "The meal was fantastic and the fact that we had our closest friends around was really nice."

While dining at home is one route students took to save a few bucks on Prom night, others got experimental with attire. By shopping at second hand stores and thrift shops, some students saved hundreds on dresses and tuxes.

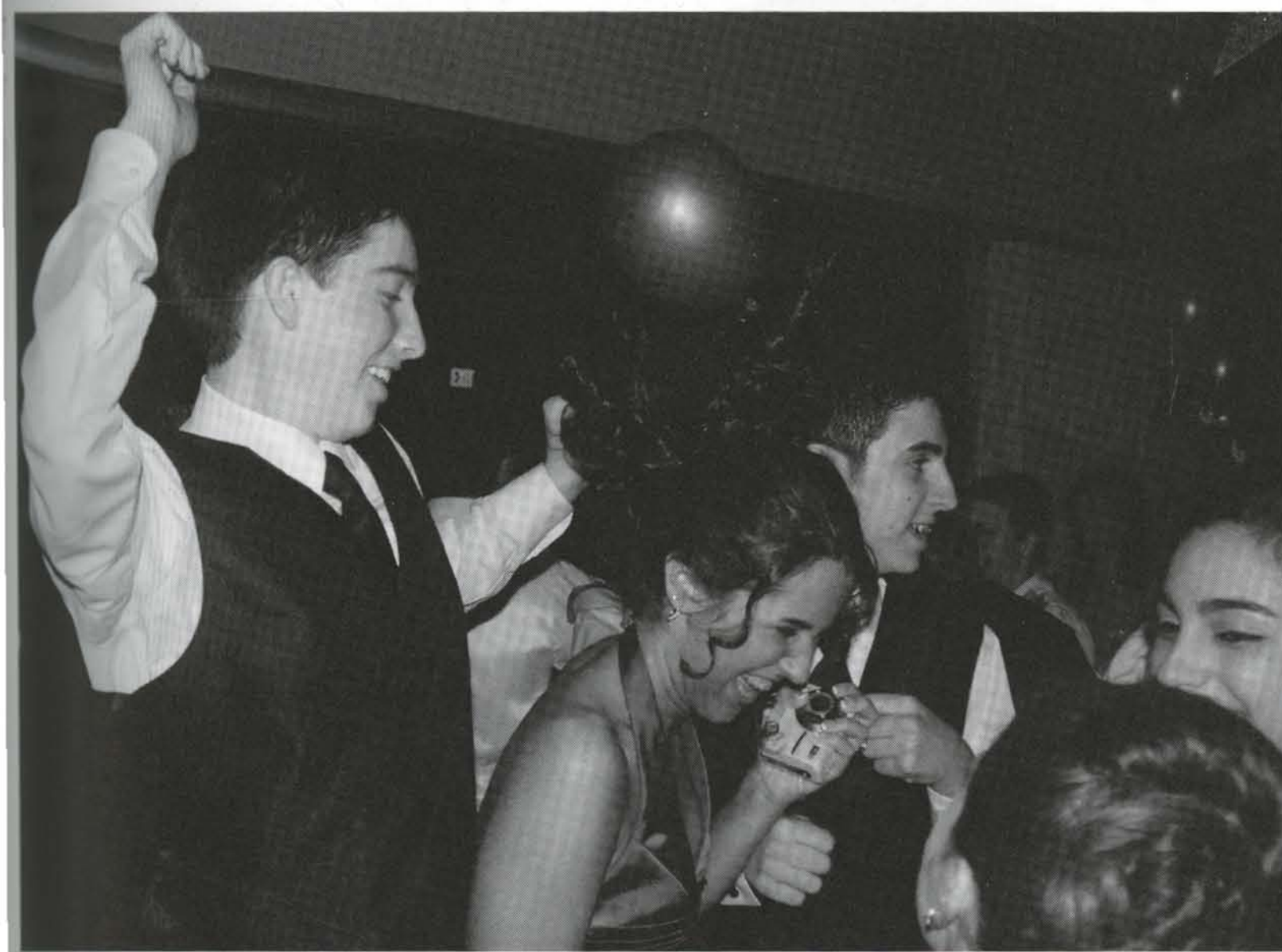
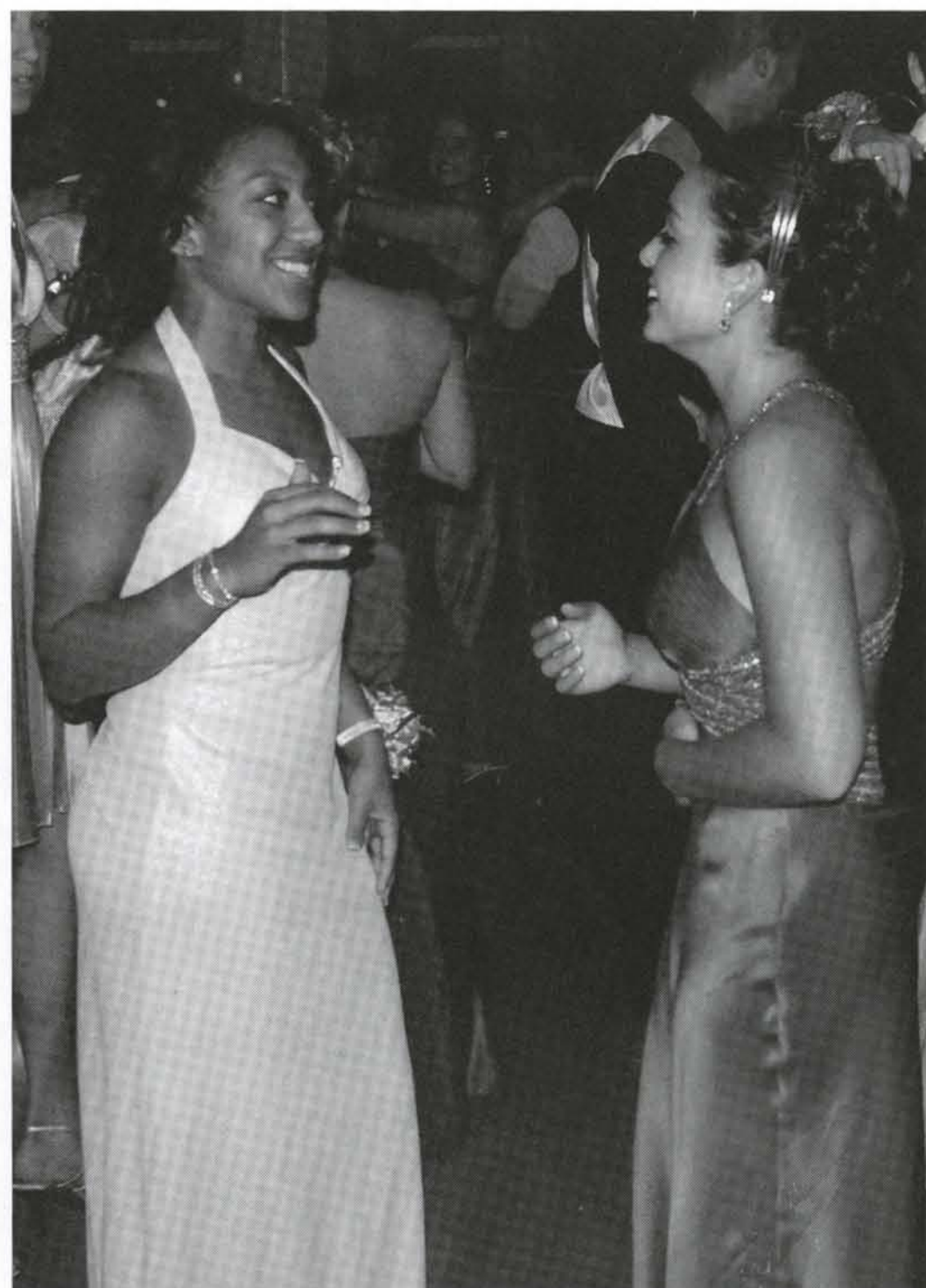
Other students became walking billboards for tuxedo venues, sporting their tuxes in the hopes that they would receive a discounted tuxedo for themselves.

"I got my tux for free and all I had to do was walk around wearing really nice clothes," senior Quinn Wilson said.



Left: The dance slows down for a couple songs.  
All Photos by Matt Shrier.





Above: Seniors Lauren Brooks and Christina Parlette enjoy themselves at prom.

Left: Junior Brent Miller gets his groove on at prom.



# A Legendary Night

"The music rocked, the videos were hilarious and very fitting, and the dance was a good way to end the night. I couldn't have asked for a better night." Senior Lauren Brooks

By: Katie Zimmerman

It is a ritual to honor the seniors and their last days as Pioneers. It welcomes the younger classes into their new position as upperclassmen, and greets the incoming freshmen with enthusiasm and encouragement as they take their first steps into the halls of a school they will soon call their own.

There are many elements to completing a successful Class Night and it involves great preparation on the seniors' and faculties' part. This year was no different.

Soon after the freshmen were greeted with a warm welcome from the entire U-High community, every Pioneer, young and old, sat to enjoy a variety of performances delivered by the senior class.

One form of entertainment presented by the seniors were videos written, directed and performed by the students in the graduating class.

"My favorite part of Class Night was the Star Wars film because it was by-far the best movie. Weikang created his own light sabers. And you just can't beat that," senior Clint Vatterrodt said.

Senior Michael Quarton created the opening video, "I am Class Night."

"Alex Poole came up with the idea of the 'I am Legend' spoof. We watched the movie several times and talked about how to parody it. I shot the majority of it in a day, but then spent hours editing," Quarton said.

All the filmmakers put a tremendous amount of time and effort into their videos; however, they were rewarded with the laughter of the audience.

"Class Night is ideal for any entertainer to perform or show their stuff because the audience is filled with 700 people who want to be there and have a great time. They are already excited," Quarton said.

Other forms of entertainment

included live performances.

Senior Mitch Rogers said the boy band called "Lip-sync" was his favorite part of class night because they put on such a great show.

Senior Zach Wall agreed.

"Lip-sync was my favorite part of Class Night because it was fun preparing for the dance routine and I got to work as their choreographer," he said.

Other live performances included the band that U-High seniors brought together, utilizing the many different musical talents of the class of '08.

Senior Lauren Brooks performed at Class Night and felt it was one of the best moments she had experienced at U-High.

"People were singing along and they seemed like they loved every minute of the song. I loved performing Misery Business. It was more than I could ever ask for," Brooks said.

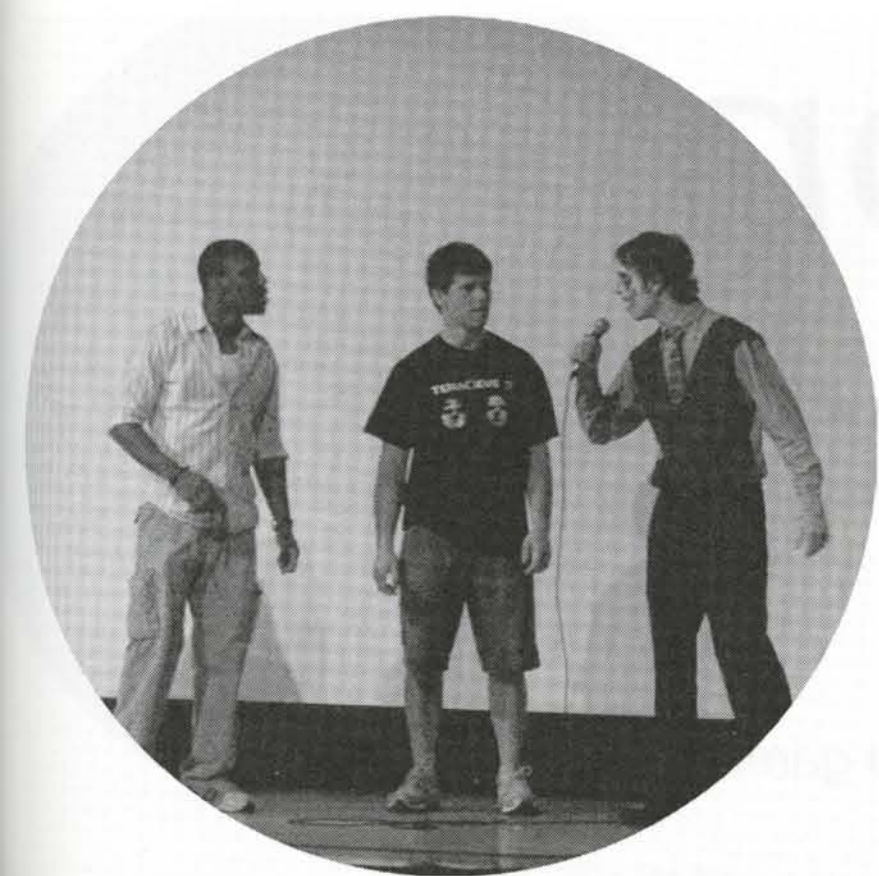
Overall, everyone enjoyed Class Night and the seniors felt it was a great way to celebrate their high school careers.

"The music rocked, the videos were hilarious and very fitting, and the dance was a good way to end the night. I couldn't have asked for a better night," Brooks said.



Above: The senior class says their final farewell to their classmates.  
All photos by Matt Shrier





Above: Seniors in the class night band entertain the school with their music.

Left: Seniors in 'LPsync show off their moves for the students.



# Celebration

"Since our families are all really close we decided it would be much easier and more fun to have a group party." Senior EJ Schiller

By: Ali Mueller

A mixture of light hearted conversation, congratulatory hugs, and delicious food create the perfect afternoon get together celebrating a high school student's accomplishments. This is no longer a model to conform to when planning graduation parties and seniors took their own liberties to produce a memorable event. However, the trend this year was to combine with friends for convenience. Senior EJ Schiller had a large graduation party with his four best friends.

"Since our families are all really close we decided it would be much easier and more fun to have a group party," he said.

The five graduates had it pretty simple because they just picked out who they wanted to come and what food they wanted.

Schiller was excited to have one last get together with all his friends before everyone parted their own separate ways.

"It was a bitter sweet time," Schiller said.

On the other hand, senior Trevor Rappa wanted to keep his party low key. He only invited close friends and family to attend his crawfish themed party.

Rappa had it easy when it came to his graduation party. All he had to do was invite his friends, and his parents took care of everything else.

"It's pretty 'baller' because I did the least and got the most," he said.

The beautiful weather of the weekends allowed for most parties to be outside. Many students enjoyed the weather

by challenging their friends to a game of bags or football.

To add to the fun and games of their parties, many graduates had a theme for their party such as Rappa's crawfish theme or Sara Idleman's Greek theme.

The problem which always occurs during this time of year is conflicting party times.

"I'm going to try to go to as many as I can but it's going to be hard to make them all," Schiller said.

For future graduates, senior Aaron Michaels advises spacing the parties out to avoid multiple celebrations on one day.

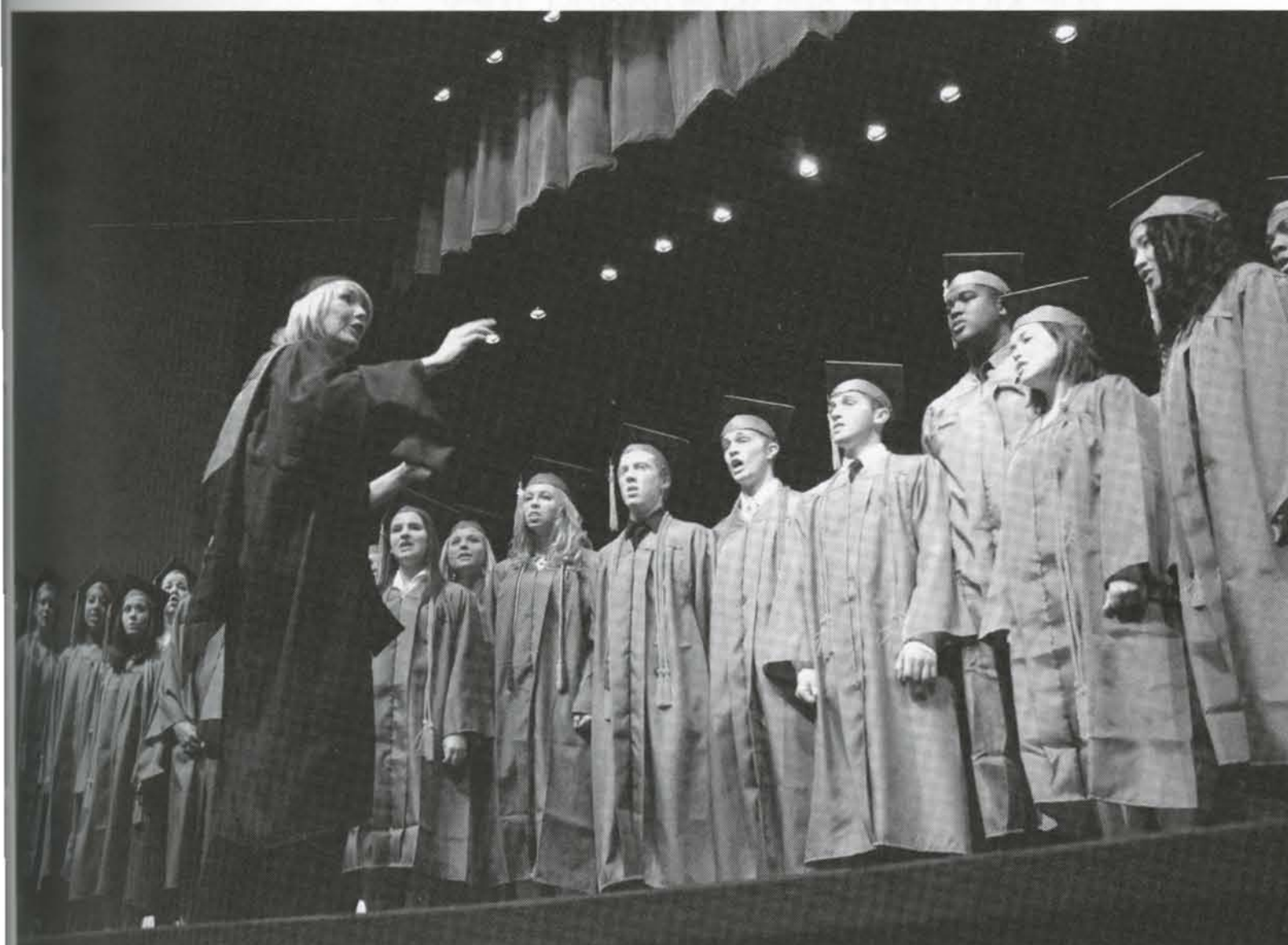
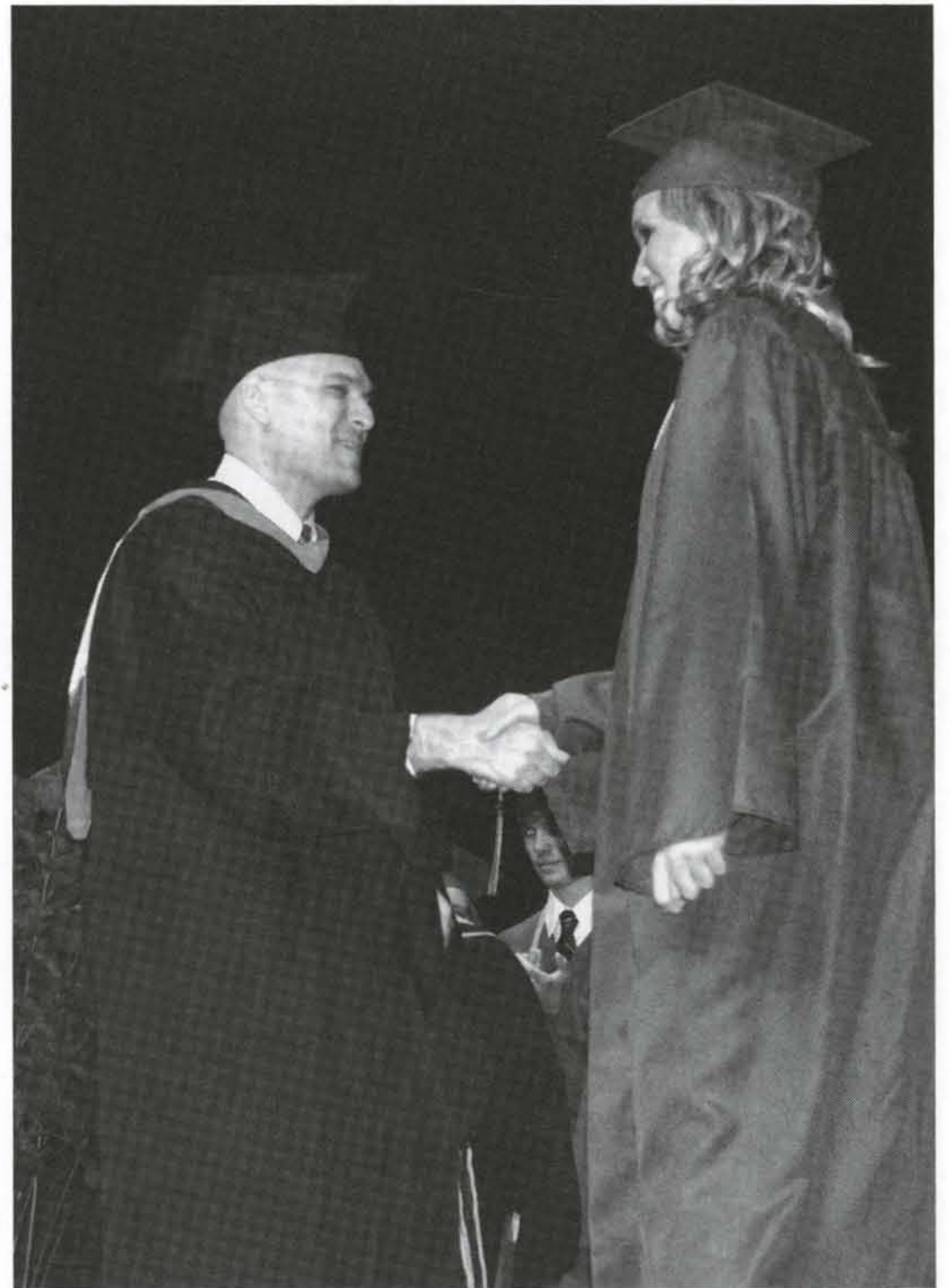
Because of the open house style of many graduation parties, it is acceptable for guests to arrive and depart at their convenience.

"I didn't think it was that big of a deal because no one usually stayed long, they just came and went," senior Sean Dozier said.



Above: Senior celebrate after receiving the diploma.  
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Above: Seniors Laurel Benson shakes hands with Bob Fitzgerald after receiving her cords.

Left: Seniors in concert choir sing the alma mater for the last time.



# Fresh Meat

"The department and faculty were great about helping me adjust and get comfortable." Math teacher Michelle Brucker

By: Rachel Solava

"Through these halls walk the greatest students in the world." While some may argue the validity of this statement, students are not the only noteworthy people here at U-High. The dedicated faculty and staff are often overlooked, but they contribute so much to this institution. Their hard work and passion are the driving forces behind the successful operation of U-High.

Every year a new batch of freshman enter high school anxious, nervous, but very excited. Similarly, new teachers and faculty arrive at U-High each year. While they are not as green as the freshmen, they are just as eager. However, U-High, in all its uniqueness, requires some adjusting to. This year was no different, but the new instructors adapted quickly and by the end of the year, fit in seamlessly and had become part of the U-High community.

Math teacher Michelle Brucker was grateful to her coworkers for helping with the transition.

"The department and faculty were great about helping me adjust and get comfortable," Brucker said.

For PE teacher Maria Pessman, the first notable difference between U-High and other high schools is the atmosphere, whether it is the freedom of open campus or the mutual respect between the students and administrators.

"U-High is a much more relaxed environment. One half of the administration actually knows what the other half is doing. There aren't the discipline problems here that there were at the other school I was at. I don't have to supervise a locker room after every class and I don't have to sit in a desk in the hallway for hallway supervision," Pessman said.

Also, the lab school's affiliation with ISU is a change of pace for teachers coming from both public and private schools. This connection provides many opportunities for not only students, but the faculty as well.

"I look forward to expanding my knowledge of Physical Education and bringing those new ideas into my classroom. With ISU right here, I welcome the challenge to

be able to take more classes and choose different routes to challenge my students," Pessman said.

Another obvious difference is the size of the school itself and the student body. The smaller class sizes allow for better connections to be made between teacher and student.

"U-High is about one sixth the size of my old school. Having such a small class has allowed me to get to know the students better," Brucker said.

Pessman believes the interactions in and out of the classroom translate into something more.

"I have made great friends here, relationships that I am sure will last," she said.

Pessman found the biggest difference to be U-High students' concept of goals and their work ethic.

"The students here are goal oriented. The students at my other school were just going because they had to and they didn't care what their grades were. They didn't care how they treated others. I actually go home happy working here," Pessman said.

Most of the faculty and staff would agree that the students here are unique and have an influence on the positive image of U-High.

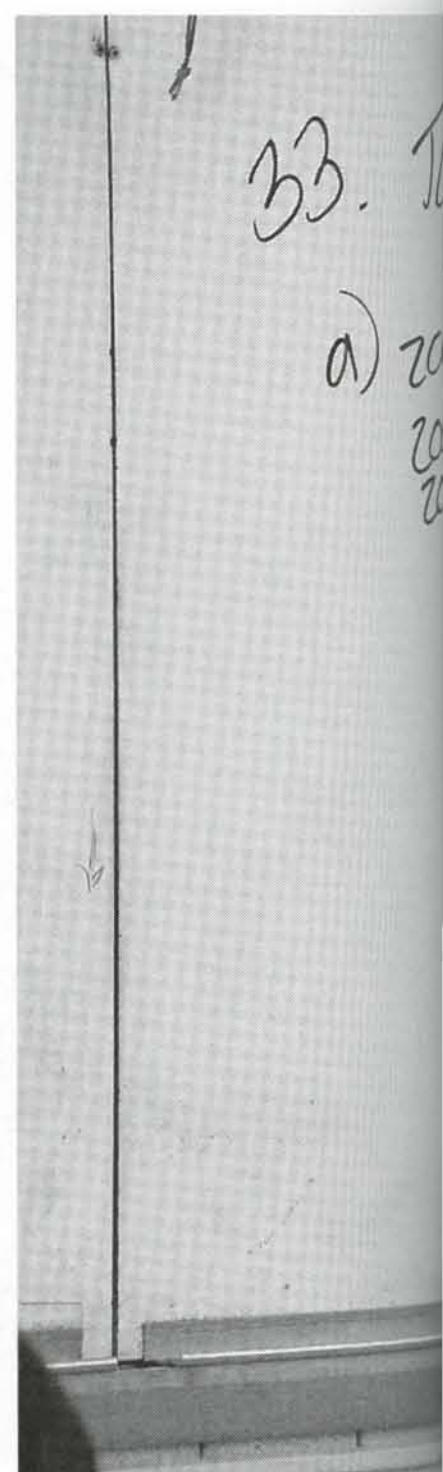
"The kids here are so amazing; they are respectful, self-motivated, and just a joy to be around. You don't find this kind of group at regular schools," Pessman said.

Many of the new instructors are refreshed by the students' willingness to learn.

"U-High students, for the most part, are more dedicated. They want to do well and learn more," Brucker said.

After completing their first year at U-High, the new faculty looks forward to the years to come.

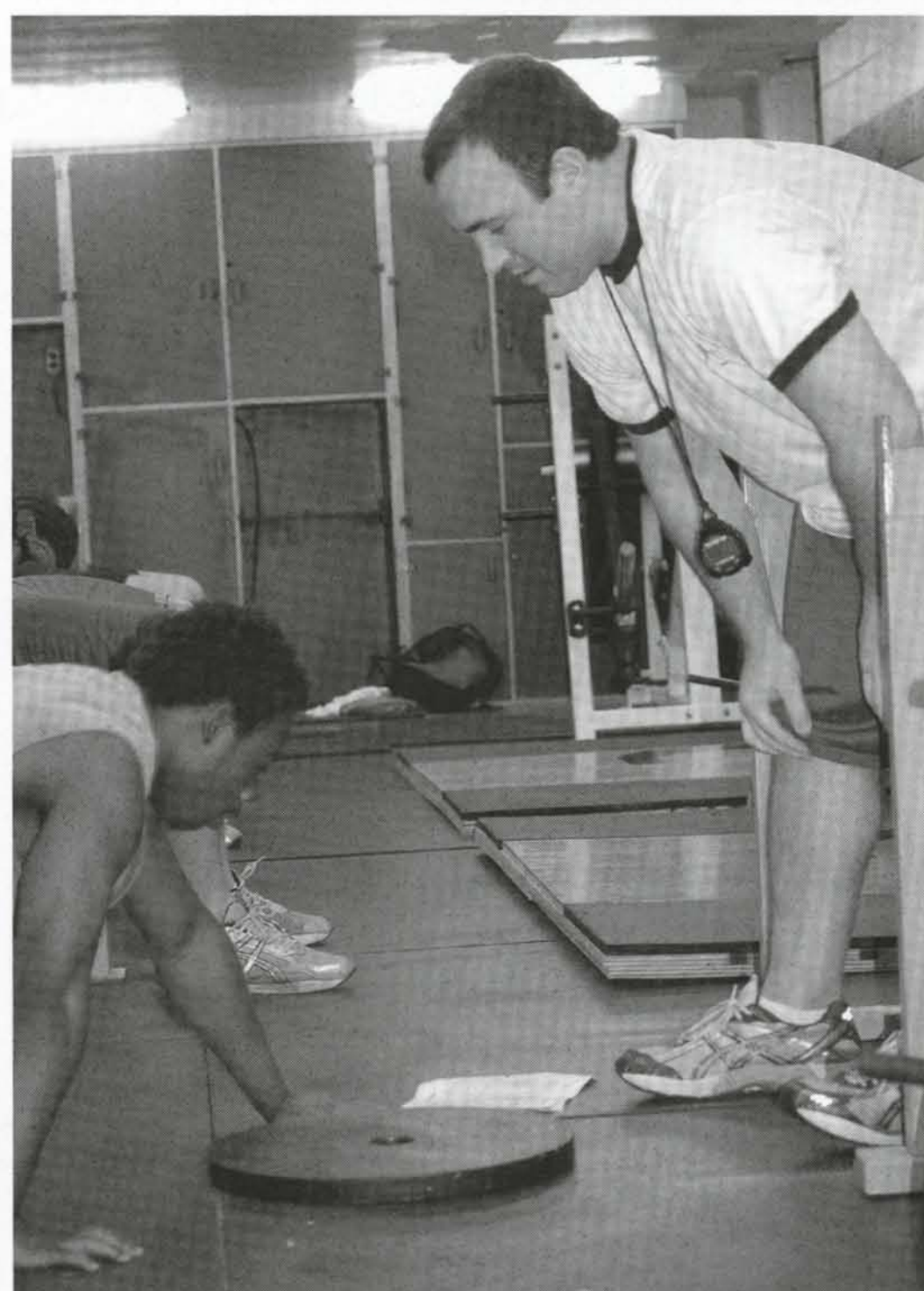
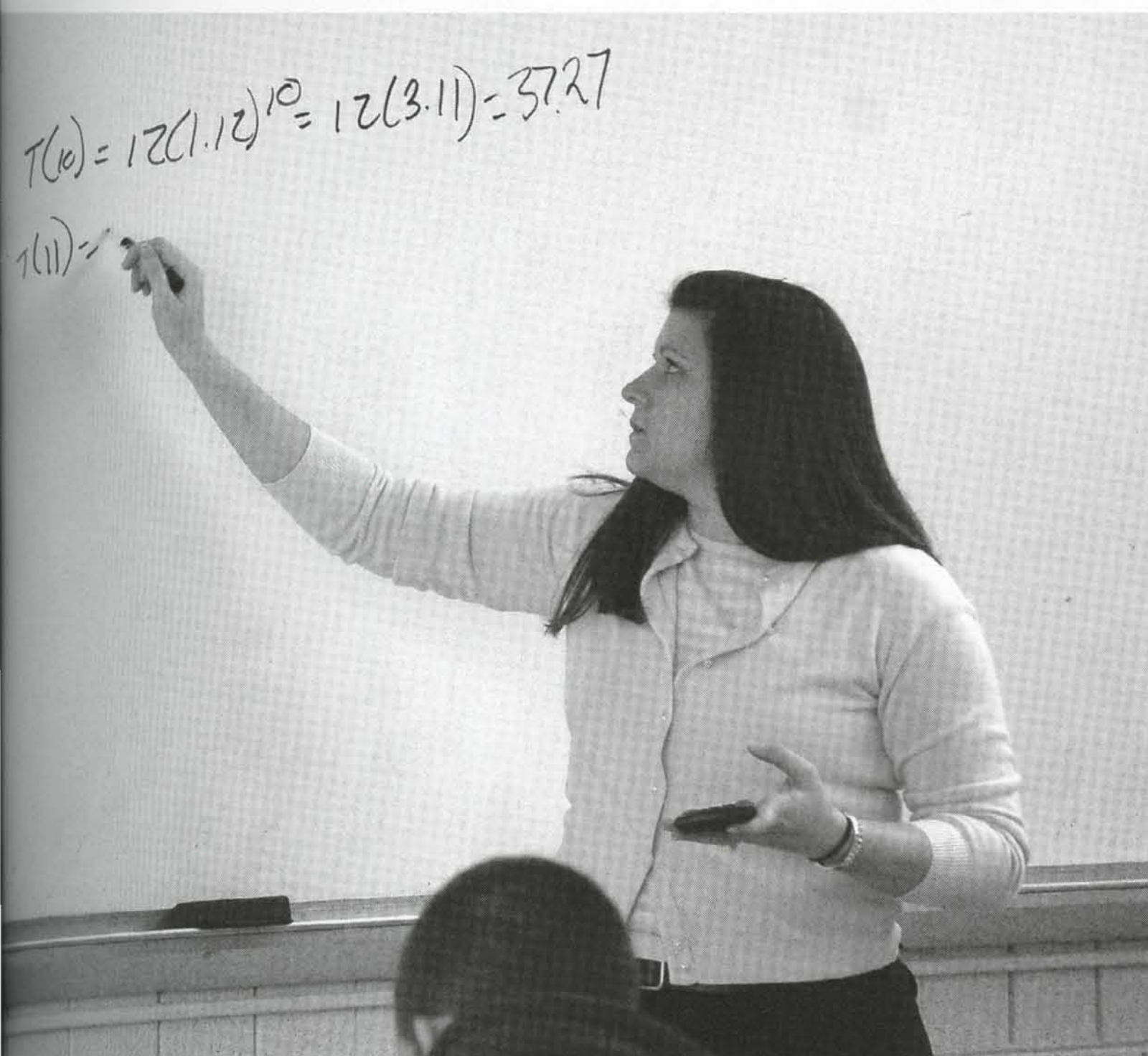
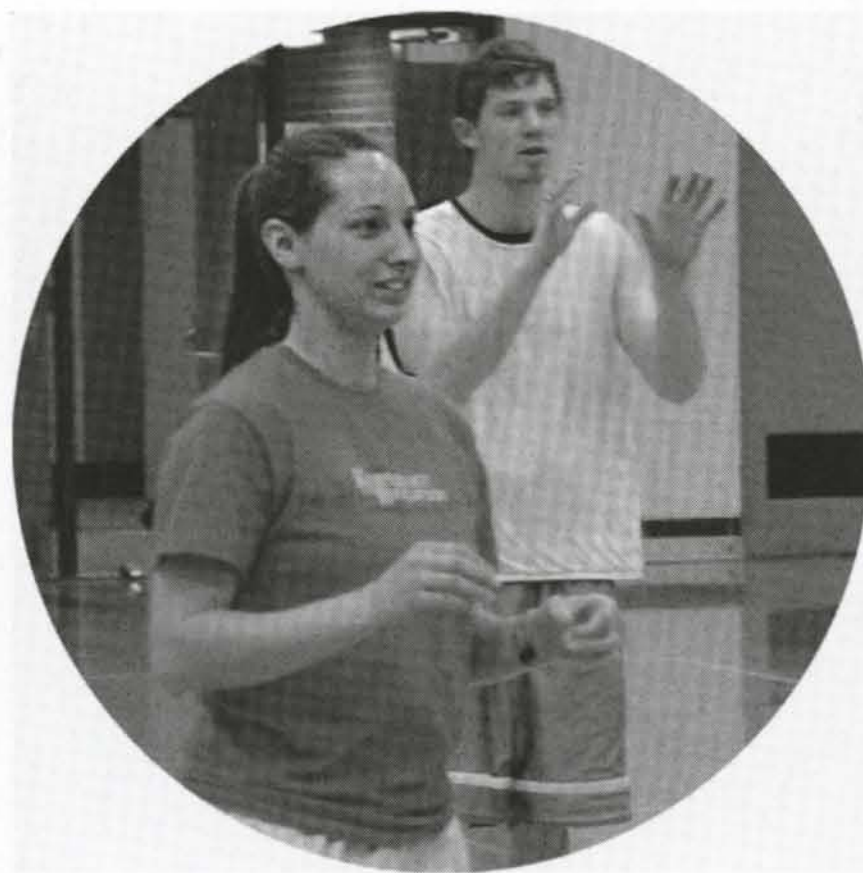
"I hope to introduce new and improved ideas of teaching Physical Education and get students interested in other aspects of PE other than team sports. Also, I want to change the focus of just regular PE to how lifetime fitness is enjoyable and is beneficial to your health," Pessman said.



Above: Math teacher Michelle Brucker teaches her geometry class.

Photo by Tanya Ploense






Above: PE teacher Eric Lyons encourages junior Mike Dopson in the weight room.

Left: Counselor Karen Valouche works in her new office.  
Photo by Tanya Ploense.





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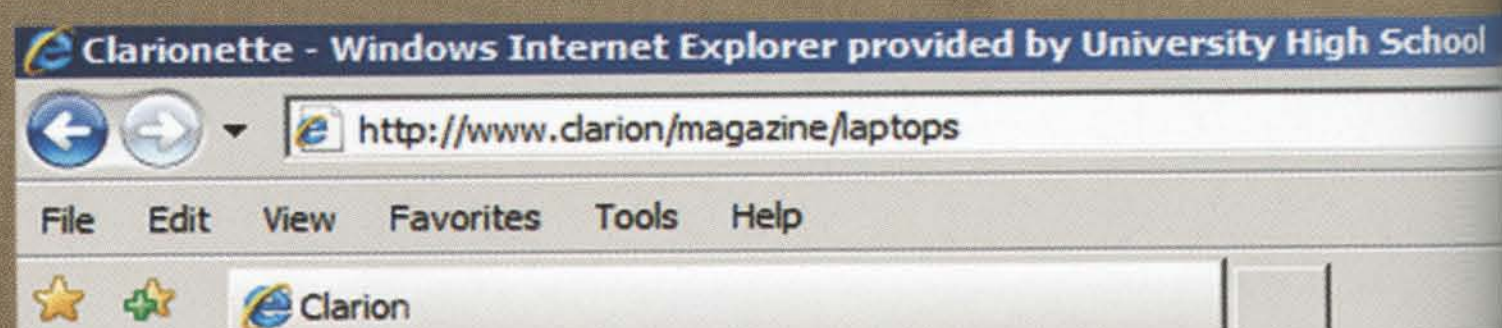
In the future everyone imagines a wireless world where books are replaced by computer screens and class is taught by holograms. Although U-High teachers are not yet computer generated, the Laptop Initiative has the school moving in a more technological direction.

It came as no surprise when students returned from summer vacation to find former computer labs and some math classrooms transformed into high-tech laptop labs. These classrooms have been a huge adjustment for teachers and students alike.

"The laptops are such a cool idea," senior Angie Ostaszewski said. "There are just some kinks that need to be worked out."

Like all new technology, the laptops have been a challenge to get used to. Many teachers have had a difficult time adjusting their traditional teaching methods to ones that accommodate the new technology.

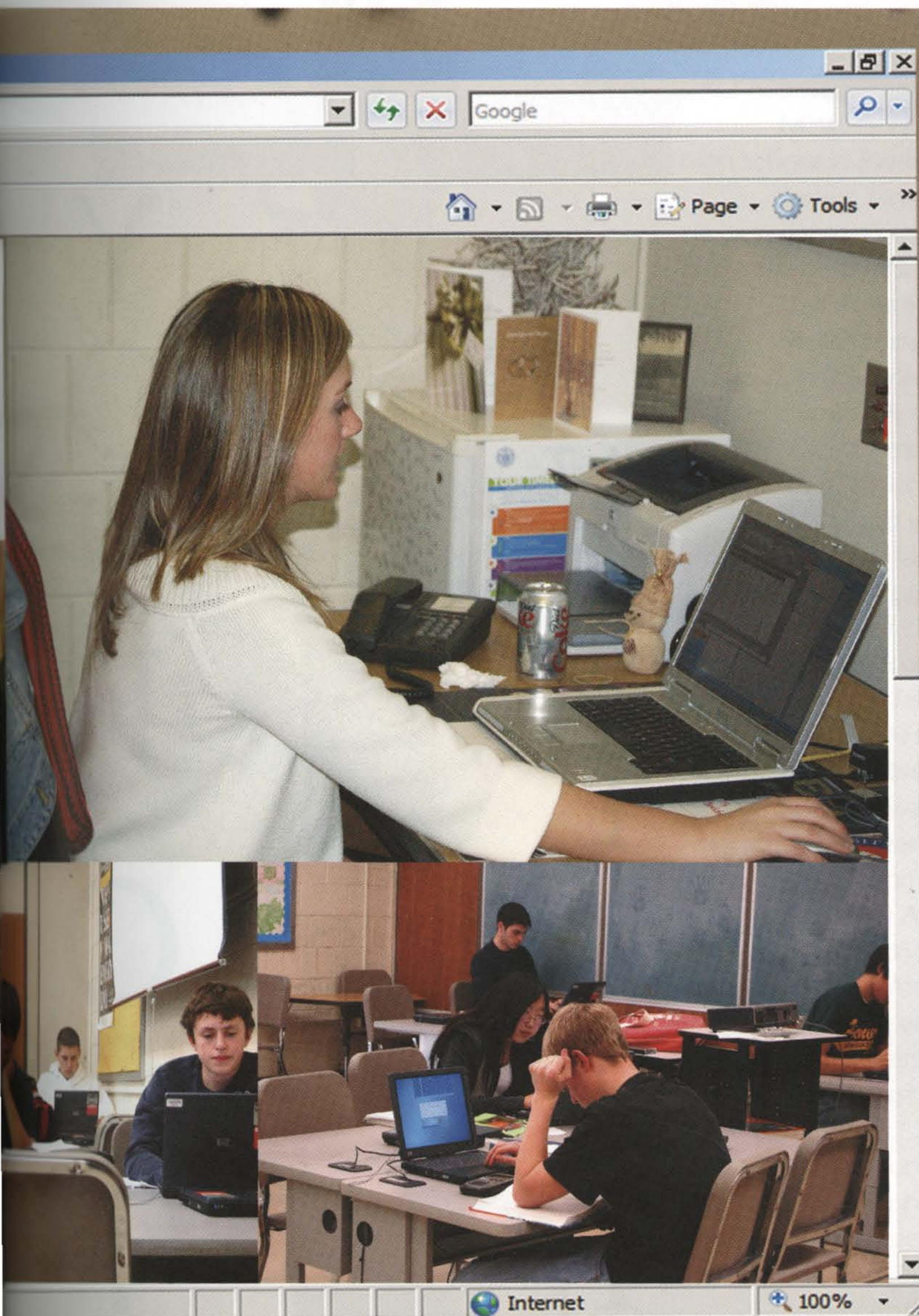
"Implementing laptops into the classroom has to be hard, especially since so many of our teachers are more familiar with



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older forms of technology," Ostaszewski said.

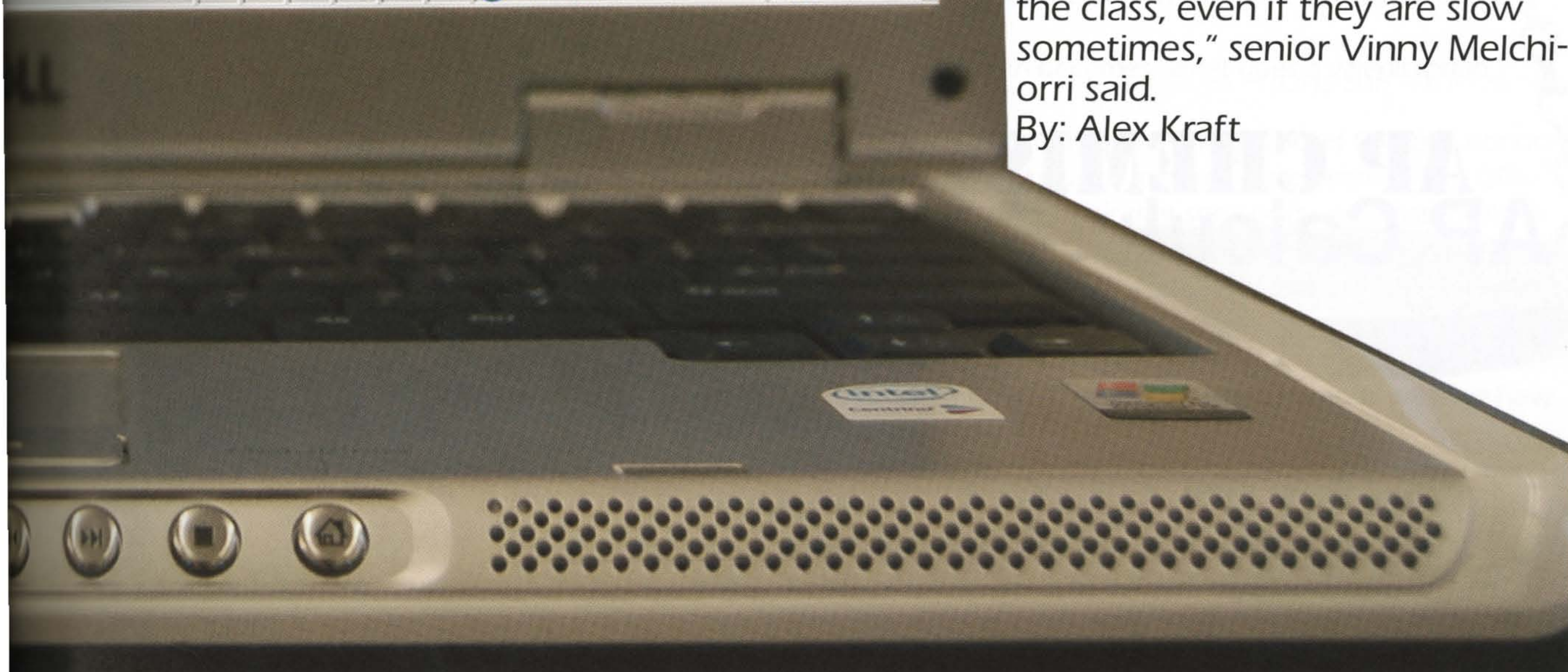
Each class uses the laptops for a different purpose but so far they have proven to be effective teaching tools. In Carol Benson's AP Calculus class, the students use 'tablets' which can actually be written on when taking notes.

"We now have tablets which are awesome because we can take the pen out and write on the screen," senior Mika Tanaka said. "It makes doing math problems so much easier because we don't have to search through the symbols for all the weird math signs."

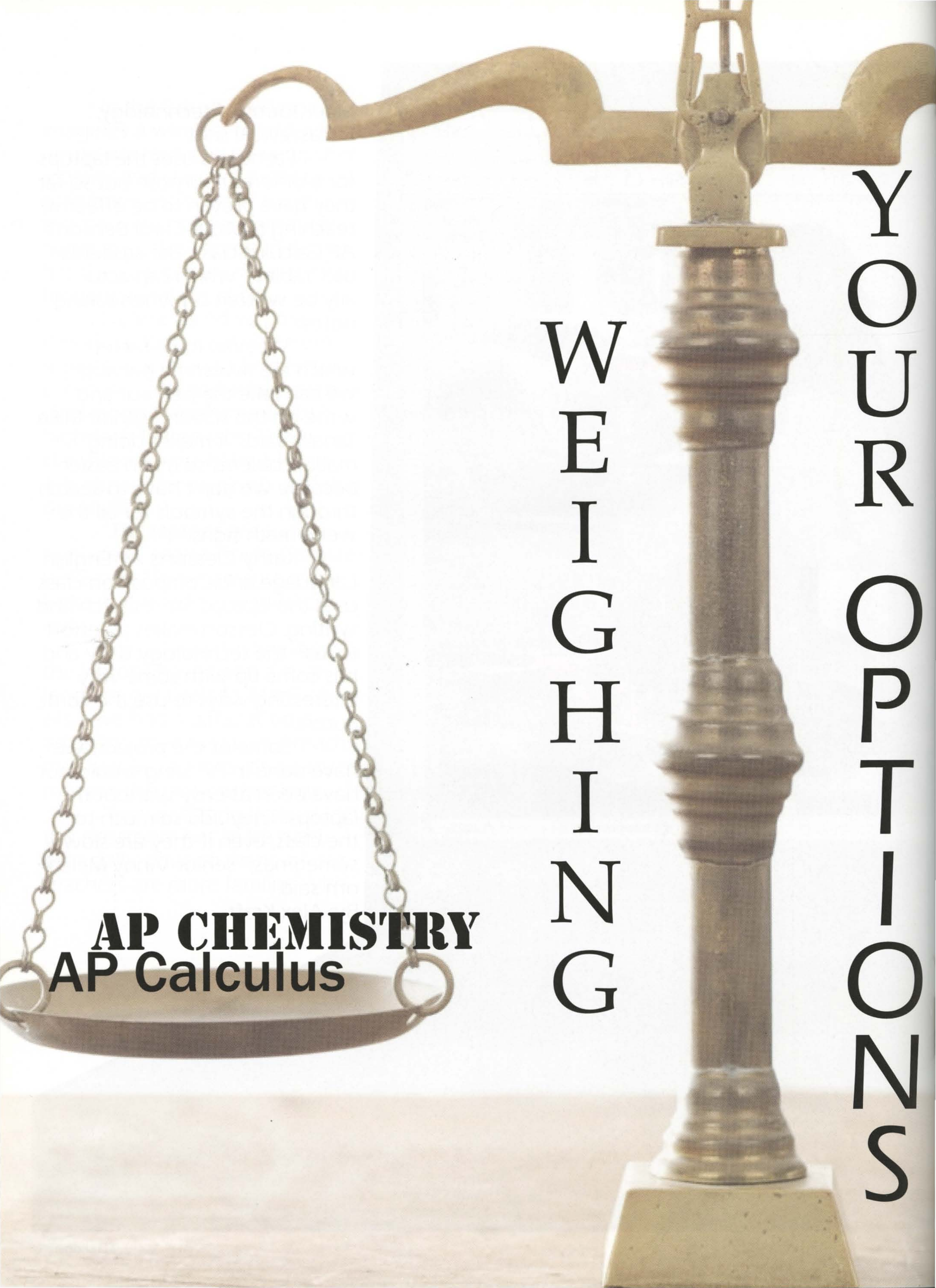
Kathy Clesson's AP English Language and Composition class uses the laptops for research and writing. Clesson makes an effort to use the technology daily and has come up with some very interesting ways to use the computers.

"Some of the projects we have done in AP Lang would not have been as easy without the laptops. They add so much to the class, even if they are slow sometimes," senior Vinny Melchiorri said.

By: Alex Kraft







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Teachers and students alike have been using words such as “ridiculous” and “crazy” to describe the fact that roughly 16% of the senior class is the top student. This makes them wonder why U-High does not weigh its AP classes.

NCWHS, NCHS, BHS, Central Catholic, and every other large high school in Bloomington-Normal weigh their AP classes.

Senior Taiyo Wilson took AP courses because he felt regular classes were too easy and not enough of a challenge. Although he had a tough course load, Wilson was still able to maintain a 4.0 GPA.

Not all seniors were as lucky.

Senior Jessi Nguyen received her first and only B in AP Euro last year, which took her out of the running for valedictorian. Nguyen’s slightly lower GPA was no reflection on her dedication or work ethic.

“I pretty much spend any second I can doing homework,” Nguyen said, which averaged out to roughly five hours a day.

Both hard working AP students and science teacher Tom Holbrook feel it is unfair to not weigh advanced courses.

“I have a problem with the fact that AP classes are weighed the same as PE or chorus,” Holbrook said, who has fought the battle for weighing AP courses for the last 25 years. He feels the grading system is neither fair nor reflective of our top students.

Former U-High coach, teacher, and alumnus Cal Hubbard always had a problem with the whole AP concept.

“We put way too much emphasis on a letter grade instead of how much you learn,” Hubbard said.

Rehan Ahmed, former U-High valedictorian of 2000, is also against weighing AP courses.

“It shouldn’t be about getting the highest GPA, it should be about learning,” Ahmed said.

Ahmed feels weighing AP classes creates an ultra competitive environment where students aren’t really able to thrive.

“GPA is just another number,” Ahmed said. “We already have enough numbers.”

A large number of valedictorians is just one reason why assistant principal Stephen Wilder considers U-High to be so special.

“We are blessed to face the issue of having many high achieving students,” Wilder said.

Some consider it a blessing, while others see it as a cry for change.

“The question then becomes, what does a valedictorian mean?” Holbrook said.

When Holbrook first began teaching at Joliet Catholic, honors classes were weighted and plus or minuses were factored into GPA. He does not find it completely fair that somebody who has 99.9% is given the same grade as a person with 89.5%. He and Wilson both feel in order to truly choose the top student, in addition to GPA, weighing AP classes should be considered.

Since U-High offers a broad range of classes including AP, online, ISU, and accelerated, Erdman said she understands why we have our current system.

“There is no way of knowing what classes to weigh,” senior Katie Erdman said.

After everything is said and done, Ahmed stresses the importance of preparation for the future. He feels being valedictorian is just an asterisk in the program.

By: Sara Idleman



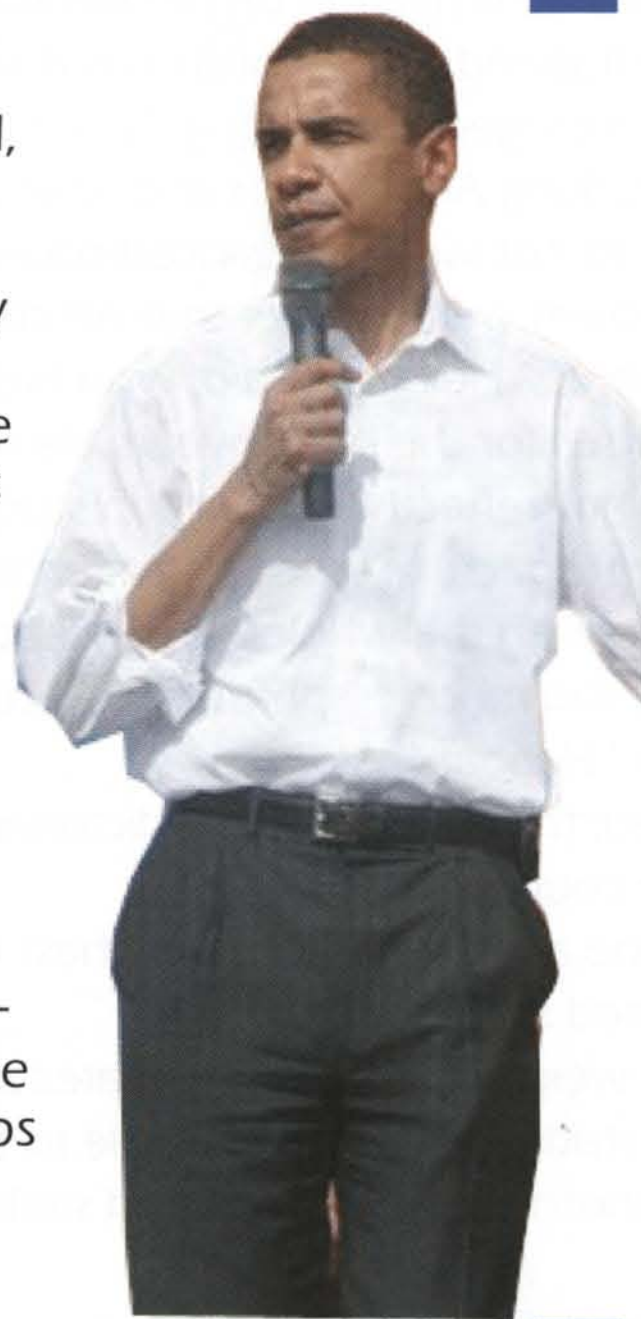
# Barack Obama

Born to a Kenyan father and American mother, Democratic candidate Barack Obama has spent his life with a rich and diverse background. He has gained a large range of experiences by living in many places other than the United States such as Indonesia.

After graduating from Columbia University and Harvard Law School, Obama worked as a community organizer, university lecturer, and civil rights lawyer before serving as an Illinois state senator. In the senate, Obama contributed many ideas, especially to the War on Terrorism. Obama, an active opponent of the war, proposed many ideas and legislation to the senate for removal of troops from Iraq.

In his presidential campaign Obama has highlighted the importance of removing troops from Iraq, increasing energy independence, and providing universal health care. He has supported legislation dealing with all levels of education and wants to increase funding and financial aid to students. Obama also believes that tax rates should be as low as possible and everyone should pay their share. During his career, he has published two best-selling books, *Dreams from My Father* and *The Audacity of Hope*, a book highlighting his thoughts on U.S. politics. Even though he is a Democratic candidate, Obama stresses unity and supports Republican ideas as well as Democratic ones.

By: Alyssa Humphreys



**"If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress." Senator Barack Obama**

# Election

## John McCain

A Republican from Arizona, John McCain has been serving in the senate since 1982. He ran for the presidential bid in 2000, but was defeated by George W. Bush. Even though they are both Republicans, McCain does not agree with all of President Bush's tactics. McCain wishes to change the way the war in Iraq is being handled; however, he does not plan on withdrawing troops immediately. In fact, McCain intends to send more troops to Iraq when he becomes President. He believes withdrawing troops would "condemn Iraq to a civil war."

McCain is also an advocate of the environment. He took a stand early on to deal with global warming. McCain believes it is our nation's responsibility to ensure clean air, safe and healthy water, and to protect our national treasures. He would also like to reduce our dependency on foreign supplies of energy.

McCain opposes universal healthcare and would rather have the government take a smaller role in it. He wants to utilize the competition present between healthcare providers and use it to the advantage of the American people. He also opposes the assault weapons ban because he strongly believes in the 2nd amendment.

Surprisingly enough, McCain supports embryonic stem cell search, which is just one reason why he is often labeled as a "moderate" Republican. He displays a moderate position with regard to immigration. He supports the immigration border fence, but wants to improve the guest-worker program for workers who are in the country without legal status.

By: Rachel Solava

**"Do not yield. Do not flinch. Stand up. Stand up with our president and fight. We're Americans. We're Americans, and we'll never surrender. They will."**  
**Senator John McCain**





# '08

## Hillary Clinton

Democrat Hillary Clinton is going for a third term in the United States White House. She is perhaps most widely known for being married to former president, Bill Clinton, and making humanitarian advancements as First Lady. Clinton is the first woman in United States history to make it this far in the presidential campaign and has made many improvements to our nation as a New York senator.

Clinton has observed our nation's middle class struggle for the past six years and as President she is committed to strengthen the everyday American. She



**"The American taxpayer should not be treated more shabbily than debtors from other nations and we should be encouraging other nations to help rebuild Iraq's economy." Senator Hillary Clinton**

wants to begin by having tax cuts for middle class families and making higher education affordable.

Nearly 47 million Americans, including 9 million children, do not have health insurance. Clinton believes now is the time to begin to make health care affordable. Clinton has plans to implement a universal health care plan that would cover all Americans for a minimal cost.

One of Clinton's primary concerns is ending the war in Iraq. She has made it her mission to take charge of our foreign policies and ensure America makes a timely exit from Iraq. Clinton has been influential in passing legislation like the Iraq Troop Protection and Reduction Act of 2007.

By: Alex Kraft

## Mike Huckabee

Republican Mike Huckabee is a former member of the United States Senate as a representative of Arkansas. He is an ultra conservative candidate for president who won't take the "easy" way out. He stands behind the war in Iraq and says that Republicans need to stand up and fight, even if Democrats are running for the exit doors.

When it comes to health care, Huckabee acknowledges the dire need for reform and believes that he is the man to bring about the changes needed. He does not feel the nation needs universal health care, but rather the citizens need to be proactive about being healthy.

Securing our nation's borders is the most important part of Huckabee's national security plan. Huckabee supports legislation that limits illegal aliens' rights and provides a safer environment for the everyday American.

Huckabee is firmly opposed to gay marriage and was influential in ensuring only

covenant marriages were performed in Arkansas. While Massachusetts was allowing homosexuals to marry, he helped a constitutional amendment pass in Arkansas defining marriage as between one man and one woman.

Huckabee's emphasis on religion and traditional family values reflect the changes he hopes to make as President.

By: Alex Kraft



**"Pray a little more, work a little harder, save, wait, be patient and, most of all, live within our means. That's the American way. It's not spending ourselves into prosperity or taxing ourselves into prosperity." Senator Mike Huckabee**





# Lunch

**Today's Special:**  
California and Cajun Shrimp  
Sushi \$4.25

**Soup Du Jour:**  
Broccoli Cheddar \$1.25

## The Taste of Sophistication

By: Sara Idleman

Wasabi, a thick, green hot sauce was presented to students who bought the special for the day. It was to compliment, along with soy sauce, the sushi that was being served.

The California and Cajun Shrimp Sushi was colorful, pink, orange, and white, and drew students to try the interesting looking food.

"We had a lot of success selling it," Karl Keiser, a worker for the ISU food services, said. "In fact, the first kid we sold it to came back for seconds."

The sushi is among many changes that did not go unnoticed by students at the school store.

Though still offering the good old favorites such as pizza and cookies, the cafeteria made a conscious effort to up its standards and offer a healthier, more sophisticated menu.

"I'm trying to make it healthier," school store worker Tina McCormick said.

Not only was the menu different, but the outward appearance of the school store was slightly altered as well. A fun new sign allowed a great way to advertise the new food with vibrant colors and catchy phrases.

Students definitely appreciated the change.

"Healthier food is just better because I'm an athlete and I want to eat healthier for my sport," junior Jack Mecherle said.



# Menu

Cookies were reduced in size and now contain zero grams of Trans fat. McCormick also stopped offering high caffeinated energy drinks and sells more baked chips and fresh fruit.

Junior Christopher Hoerdemann enjoyed most of the new food, although he admitted it can be a bit pricey.

"I have to stretch my lunch budget out really creatively," Hoerdemann said.

The extra few bucks were worth it to some since exotic new items such as sushi graced the once humble U-High cafeteria menu.

McCormick was also excited about the new expanded menu.

She said U-High used to get food from Vernon Dining Center, which was affiliated with Metcalf. U-High now receives food from Waterson, which has a broader menu to select more sophisticated items from.

In a way, Hoerdemann felt the revamped school lunch reflected a part of U-High and what it stands for.

"There are not as many rules like there are in other schools. You can eat when you want, sit where you want and with who you want. It's open and easy," Hoerdemann said.



## Also Available:

Pizza \$1.75

Nachos \$2.50

Veggie Wrap \$3.90

Chips \$.90

Scones \$.50

Sub Sandwich \$3.25

Garden Salad \$2.85

Pretzel & Cheese \$1.75



As the clock runs out in the first half of the U-High versus Olympia boys basketball game nearly everyone stays in their seats. They aren't waiting for the dance team or thinking about what snack to buy. Instead, all eyes are on senior Zach Zentner. He was asked to speak at the first annual Paint the Place Purple event. It was a collaborative fundraiser between the two schools to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

"So many people in both schools have been affected by cancer. There are students, teachers, and parents in both buildings that have the disease, and there's hardly anyone who doesn't know someone who has or had cancer. It is an important cause that everyone could support," library assistant Anita Beaman said.

Zentner was diagnosed with cancer in Oct. 2005. After enduring three cycles of chemotherapy at Carle Clinic, Zentner was cancer free.

"Cancer has changed my entire life. I used to be tentative and not very confident. Now I feel like a different person. I learned I should live life to the maximum every day. You just need to battle against it. It is hard to hide your sickness and pain every day," Zentner said.

Zentner was honored yet nervous when he was asked to speak at the event about a week and half in advance. He used the help of teachers and his parents to prepare his speech.

"I wanted to let the audience know that their support and donations do help. This was an opportunity to see cancer survivors face to face. It gave them an example of how they help," Zentner said.

When the time finally came for his speech, Zentner was pacing and rehearsing outside the gym. Despite his nerves, his speech was heartfelt and received a standing ovation.

"When it is dead silent and all eyes are on you, it is hard to talk about being diagnosed with cancer," Zentner said.

The evening was a tribute to all cancer survivors and those still battling with illnesses. Senior Heidi Fontaine from Olympia also made an appearance at the game after just returning from Nashville, TN where she was receiving treatment at St. Jude's Hospital.

"Heidi walked out on the floor with her close friends and let everyone know that she is strong and is fighting this horrible disease. It gives me goose bumps every time I think about her and her courage," co-president of Olympia High School booster club Lyn Batterton-Harris said.

Olympia's gym was a sea of purple shirts and an infinity of support and love during the Paint the Place Purple event.

"Seeing so many people in those purple t-shirts. knowing everyone had come together to fight a terrible disease is a great feeling," Beaman said.

By: Rachel Solava

# Paint the Place





# Purple







# Die-hard Fitness

Photo collage clockwise: portrait of Coach Lyons, personal fitness class prepares to run the mile, senior Brandi Broker bench presses during class, junior Andre Aung dribbles down the court, sophomore Chris Michels and senior Emily Caldwell battle for the puck, junior Deonte VanHook lifts in the weightroom, students rest after the mile, portrait of Coach Hampton, juniors play dodgeball.





Everybody's talking about chiseled abs, perfect pecks, and toned legs, but P.E. teacher Lester Hampton is all about the work that it takes to get these results. Hampton took over as P.E. department head and made some fundamental changes to the program here at U-High.

"I'm determined to take this program in a different direction," Hampton said. "In today's society all they preach is fitness, fitness, fitness."

While getting into shape seems to be on everyone's mind, many students feel the adjustments made to the P.E. program are too drastic and "hard-core."

"The program has just become a little too much. I think the teachers forget that we are high school students, not tri-athletes," junior Jasmine Gibbs said.

Even the students who were unable to participate

in P.E. activities because of illness or absence saw how drastic the program has changed. When junior Matt Shrier was taken out of P.E. for injuries, he was still required to complete one essay for every week he was absent.

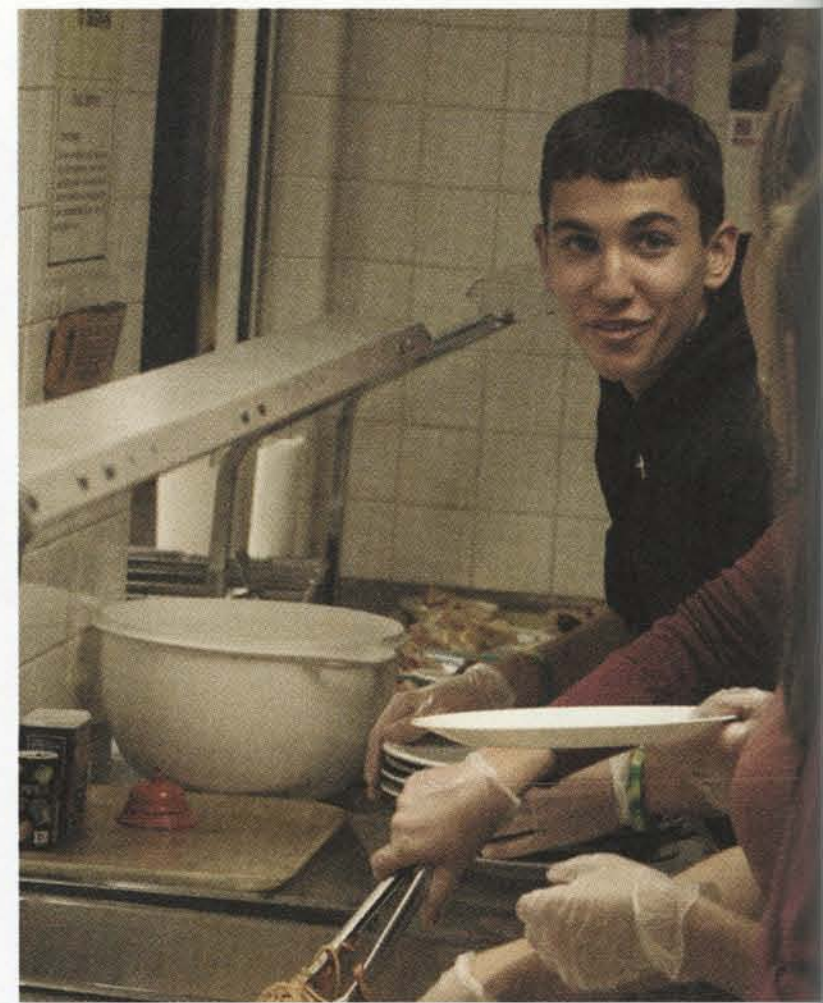
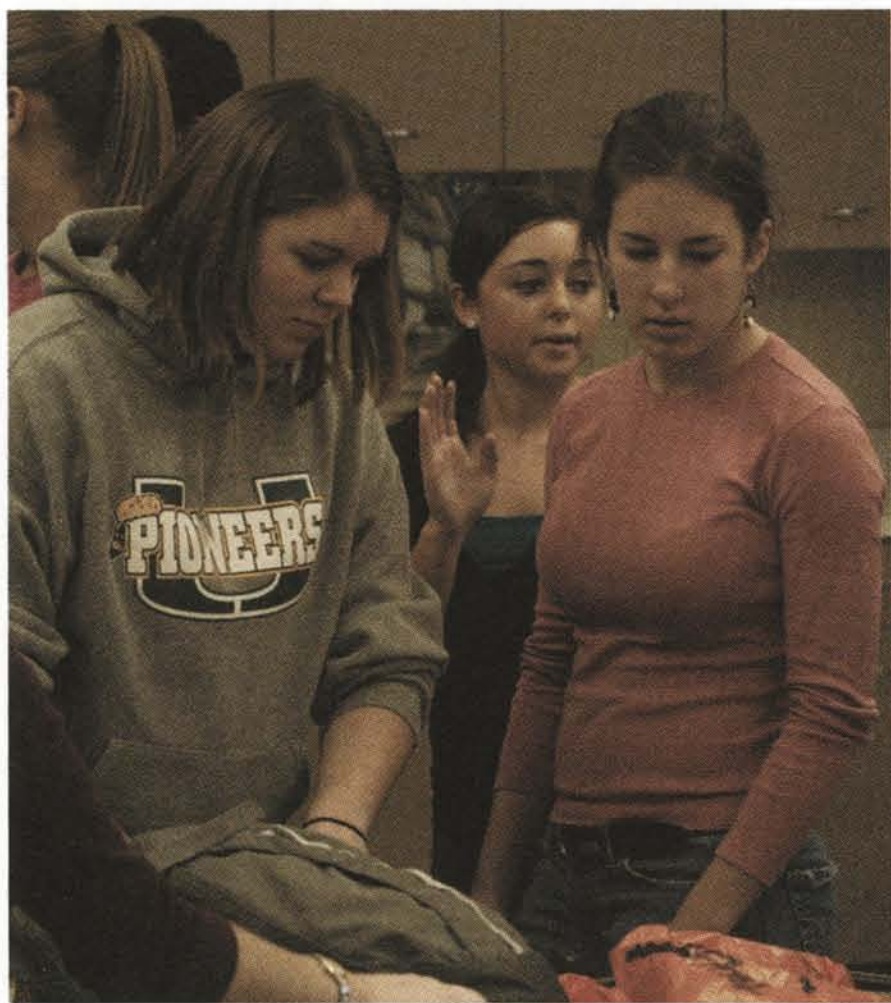
"I didn't sign up for an extra English course; I just wanted to work out," Shrier said.

The P.E. instructors recognize the adjustments to the curriculum are drastic, but they will ultimately make students healthier and more productive.

"Change brings adjustments, and you can't expect everyone to be on the same page from the beginning," Hampton said. "In the future I hope that students will get used to the system and ultimately see the benefits of it all."

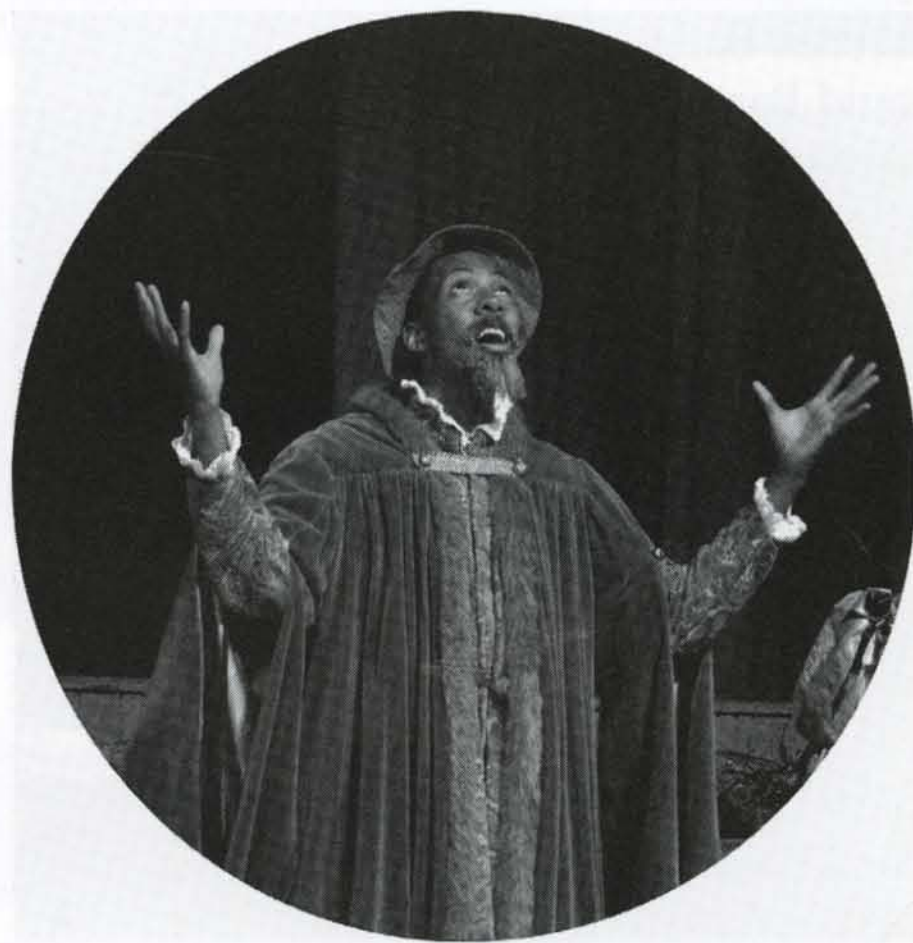
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# Seniors



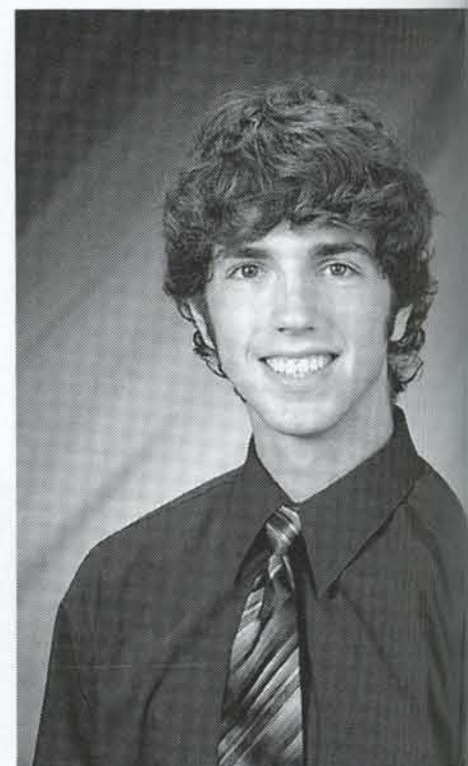
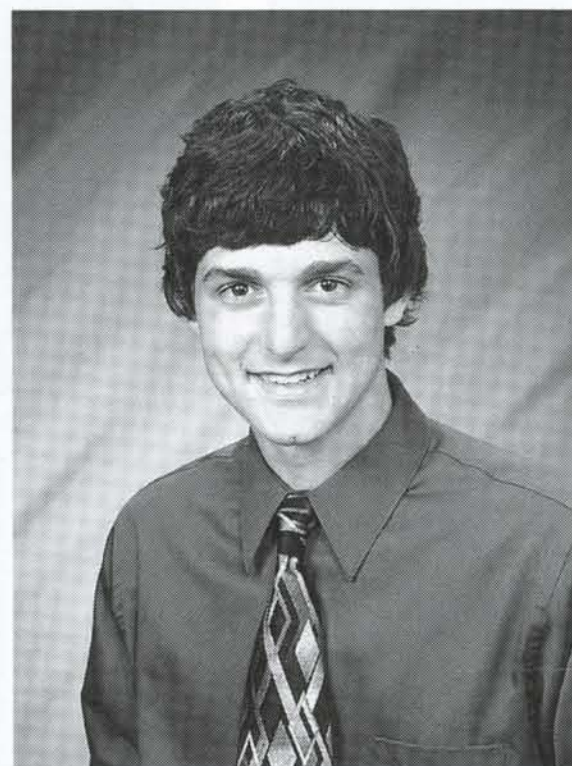
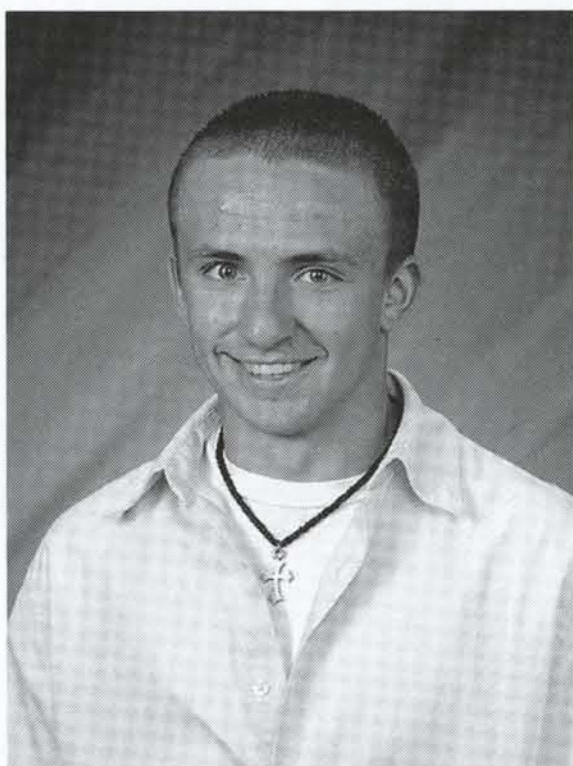
# 2008

Senior photo collage starting at top left clockwise: Alyssa Humphreys and Katie Erdman prepare dinner for a National Honor Society service project, Haley Stuckey cheers at a basketball game, Sean Dozier serves food at Home Sweet Home mission, Clint Vatterrodt watches his hot air balloon in tech class, senior boys cheer at powderpuff game, John Cooper and Matt Skibo participate at the pep rally, senior girls celebrate after winning the powderpuff game.

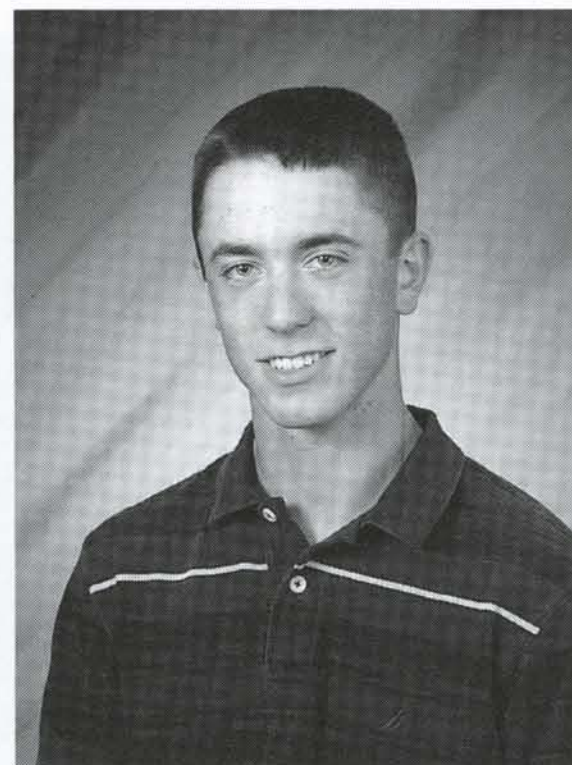
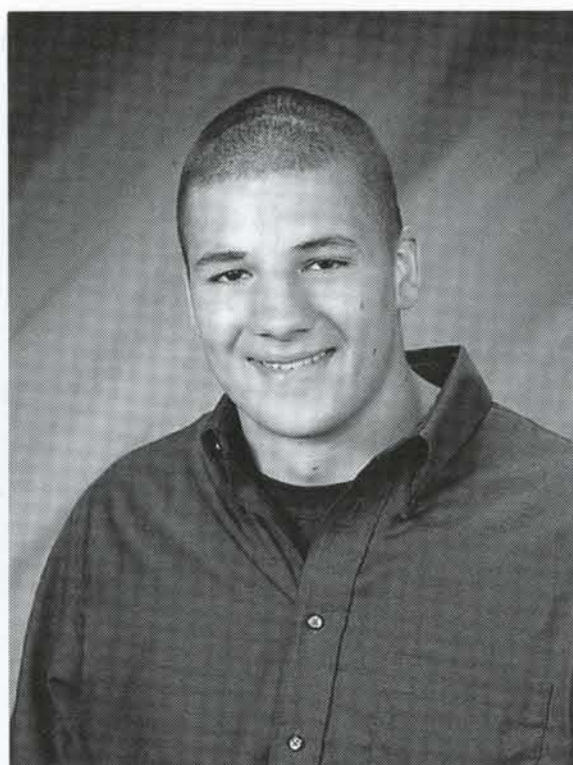
Circle photos above from left to right: Rachel Vazquez gives blood, Max Chambers dances at the pep rally, Jeremy Davis performs in the fall play.



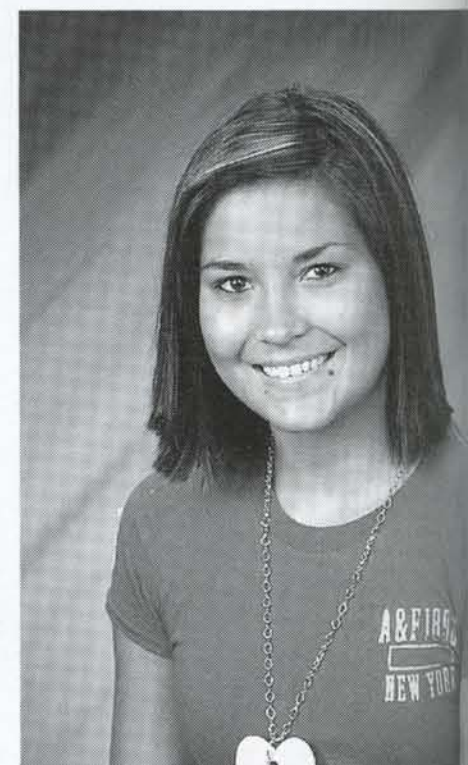
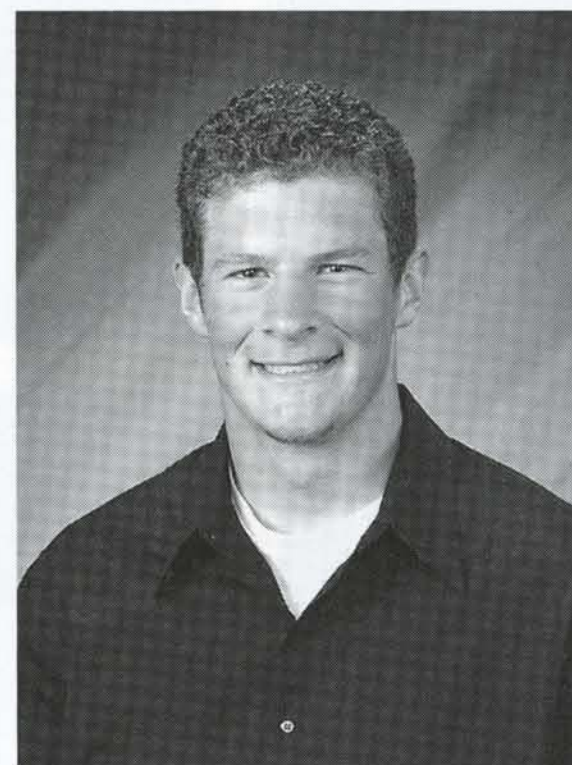
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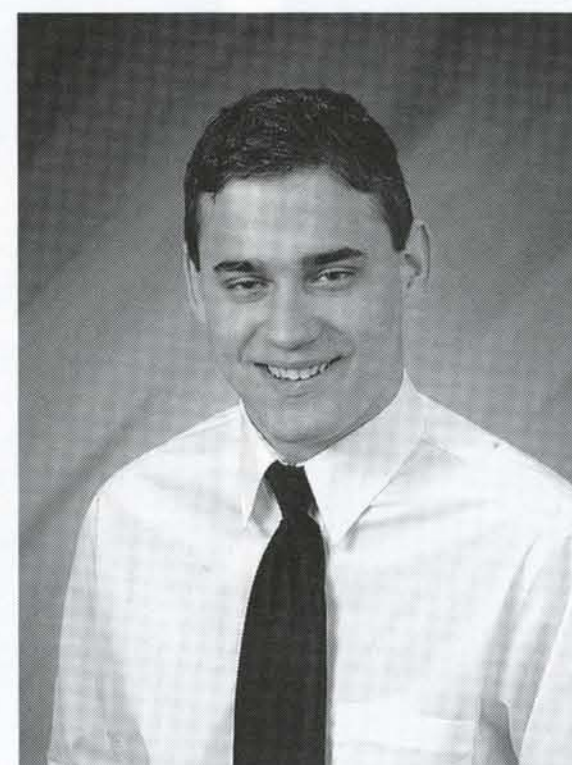
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# Service for the Soul

By: Tanya Ploense

Walking into the Home Sweet Home Mission, one is greeted with a feeling of warmth and happiness. On Dec. 5 the National Honor Society decided to contribute to that warmth by serving dinner.

Their dinner consisted of spaghetti and meatballs, garlic toast, fruit cocktail, and ice cream.

It was more the people, rather than the food, that left an impact on the National Honor Society members.

"I was so surprised by how upbeat everyone was, especially the kids," senior Maria Endsley said.

Senior Katie Erdman said it was good to spend her extra time donating to those at the mission.

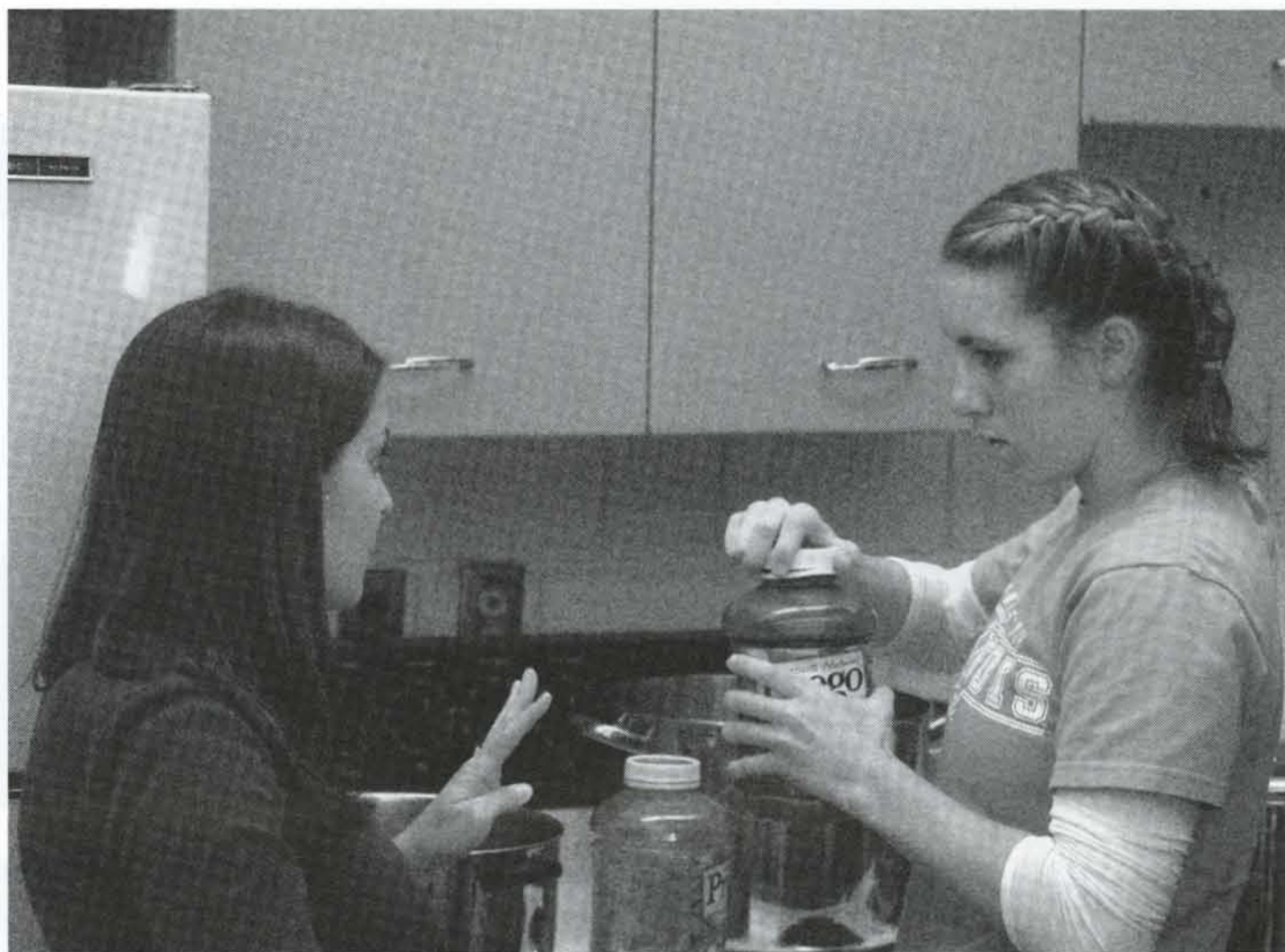
"I think it is good to volunteer there because all they ask is for your time, and it helps the people there so much," Erdman said.

Senior Jenna Floyd said the experience put her life in perspective.

"I'm glad that we helped them. They are just people like you and me that need a little extra help now and then," Floyd said.

Not everything about this service project was smooth sailing. The planning of the event and the cooking of the food before serving was very hectic.

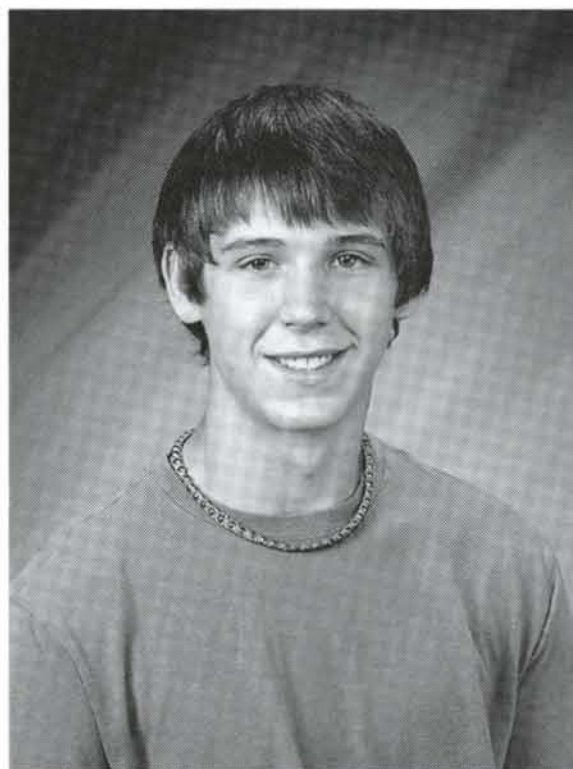
"I was really stressed when we were planning and cooking, but when we got there and saw their smiles, everything fell in place," Floyd said.



Top: Senior Sara Idleman talks with Mrs. Terry while cooking spaghetti sauce.

All Photos by Tanya Ploense

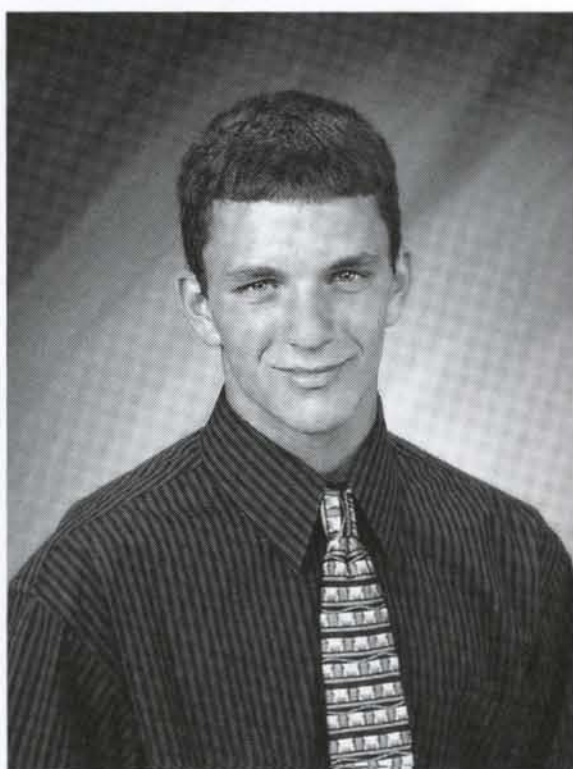
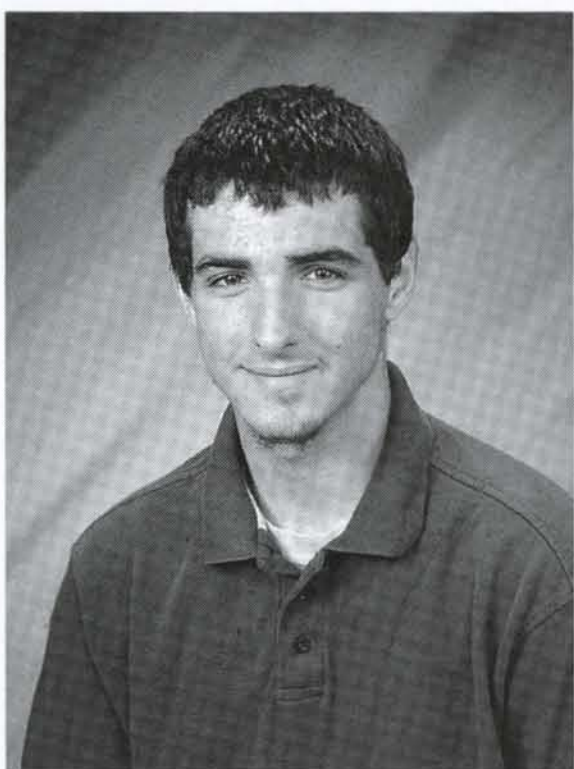
Bottom: National Honor Society members serve spaghetti at Home Sweet Home Mission.



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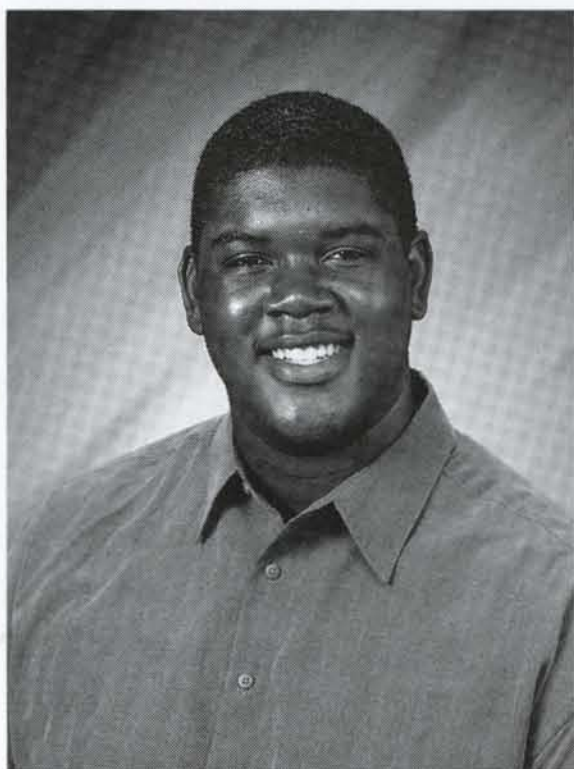
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Top: Senior Scott Blair rocks out on the drums at Battle of the Bands.  
Bottom: Senior Nick Hutchins sings "Wonderland".  
All photos by Matt Shrier.



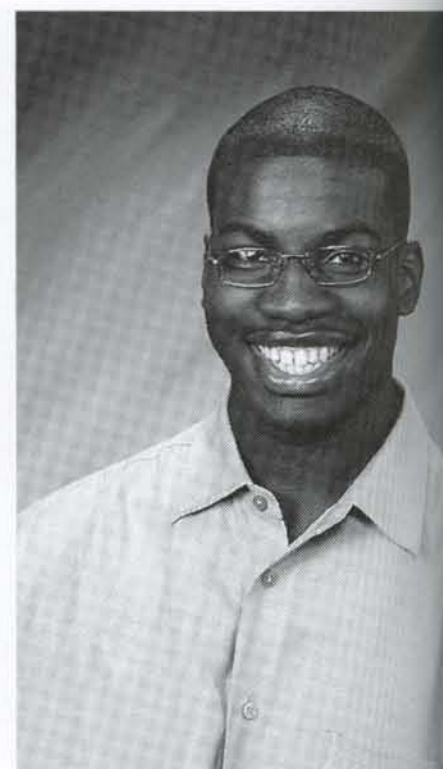
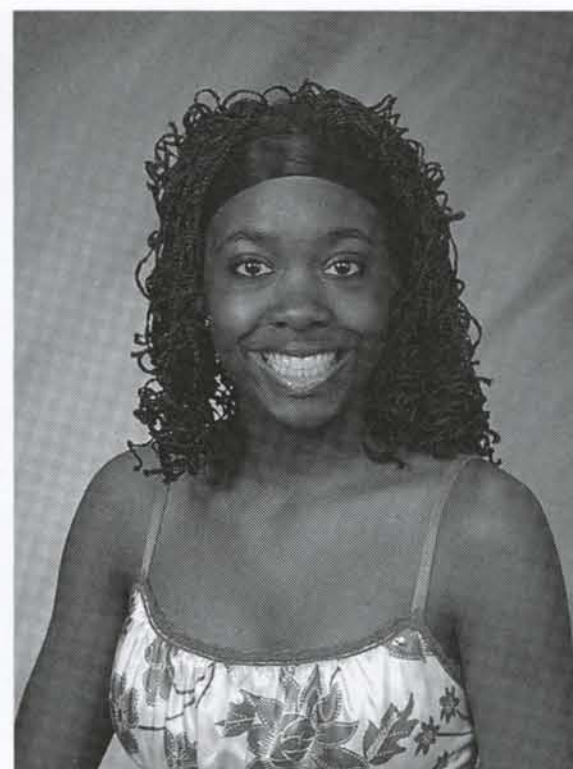
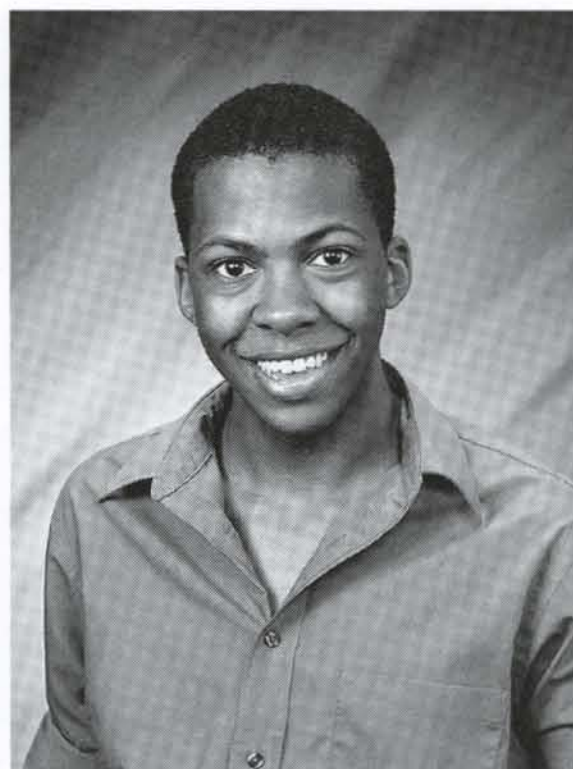
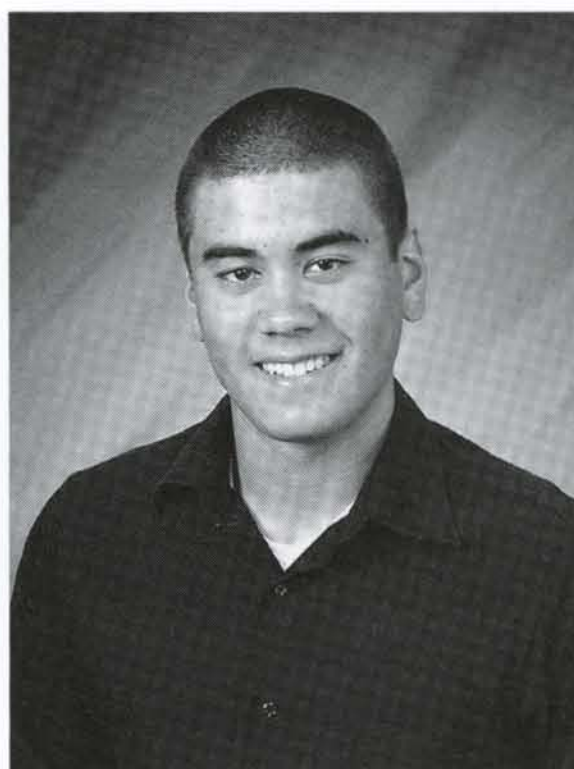
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# Battling for the Fans

By: Jim Krajewski

Through a first and second place win at the Bloomington-Normal Battle of the Bands, and a few years experience, U-High band Arson Committee has refined its song making process.

"Song writing has always been an emotional release for me," senior Scott Blair said.

Senior Alex Auer agreed, and mentioned that he doesn't have much of a process for the songs he writes.

"Inspiration is just something that comes naturally to you. Everyone has it. Your girlfriend dumped you? Write a song about it," he said.

Having a tangible piece of art that you created is a big reason senior Tim Nash writes, and has a lot of fun practicing in his basement with the rest of the band.

Getting into the local music scene wasn't a small task for Arson Committee, especially when there's a lack of support.

"The community needs to be more involved with local bands. We always need more funds for equipment and recordings, and we need more bodies at the shows," senior Nick Hutchins said.

This year, only 50 people came to the Battle of the Bands. Although those who did show up were excited to hear the local bands compete, 50 is a small number.

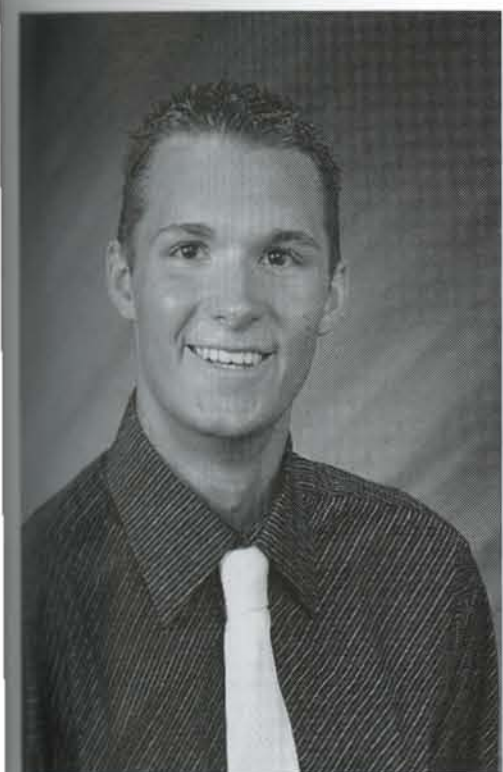
"Amen! 50 people showed up to Battle of the Bands this year! 50 from the whole town! I just can't believe that," Auer said.

Junior Jasmine Gibbs who attended the Battle of the Bands commented on the lack of attendance.

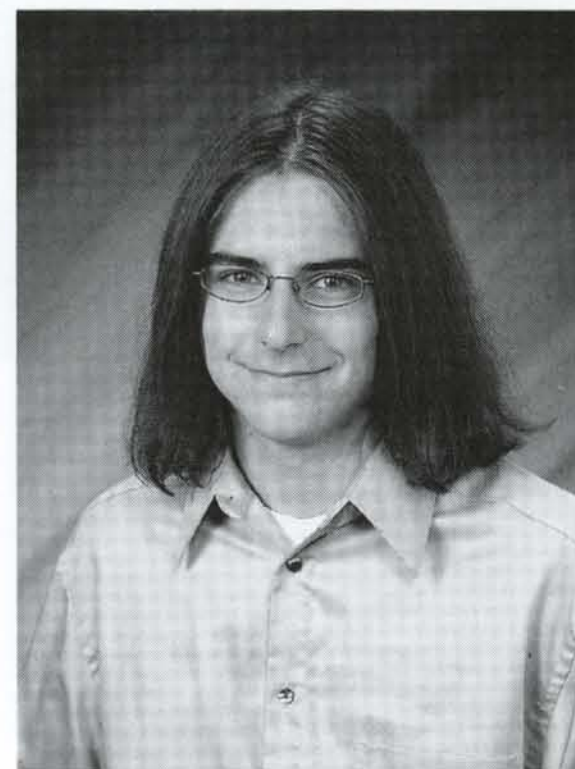
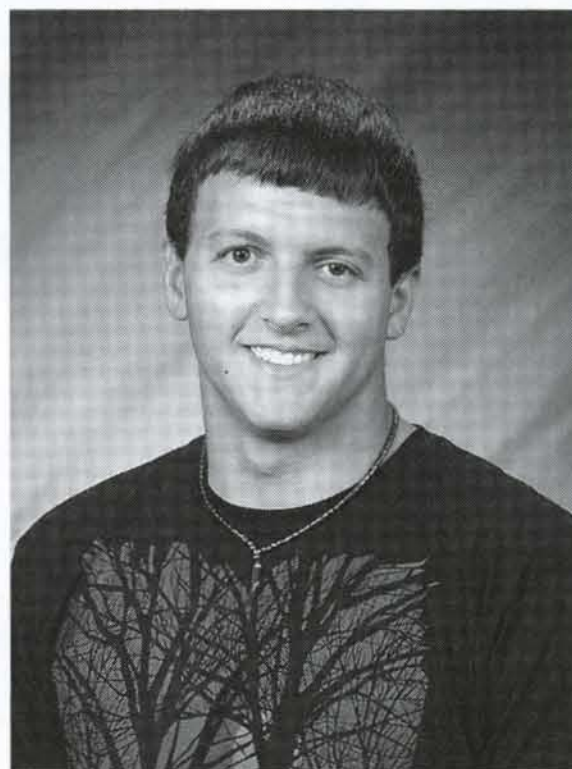
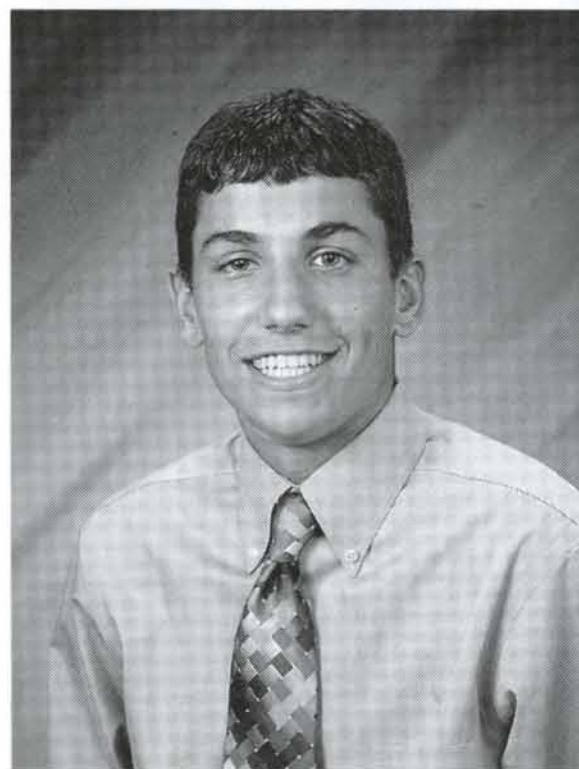
"It was just kind of sad to see that these performers-these musicians-put it all out there and only 50 people came to support them," Gibbs said.

Despite the occasional argument over what songs to play during a gig, it all comes down to having fun with friends. The band works for hours perfecting their original music so they have become very close.

"Yeah, we've practiced naked before, and that's what it's all about," Blair said



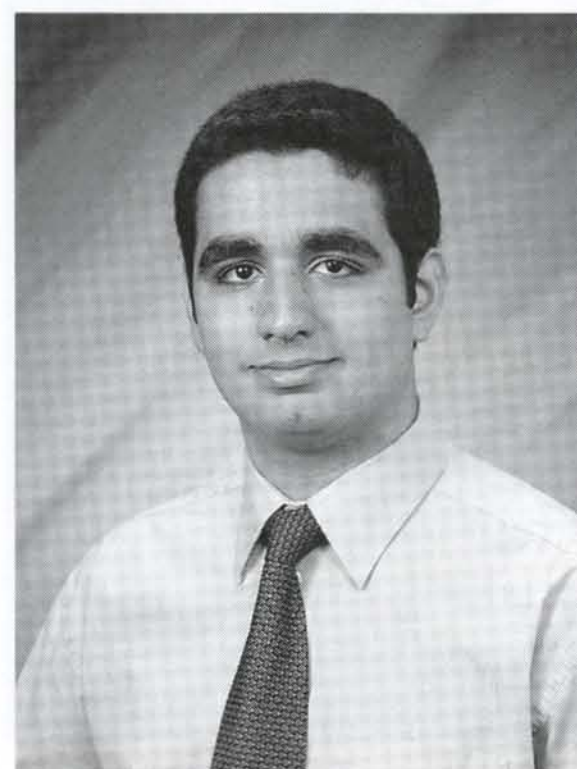
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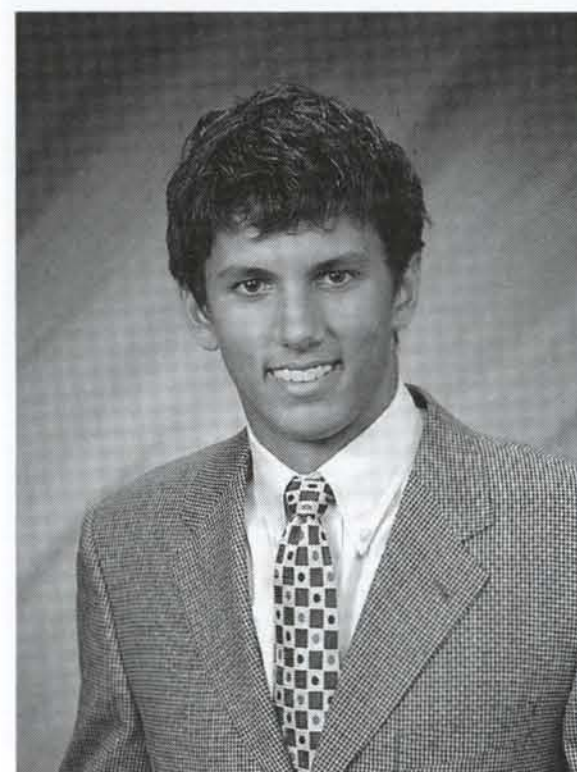
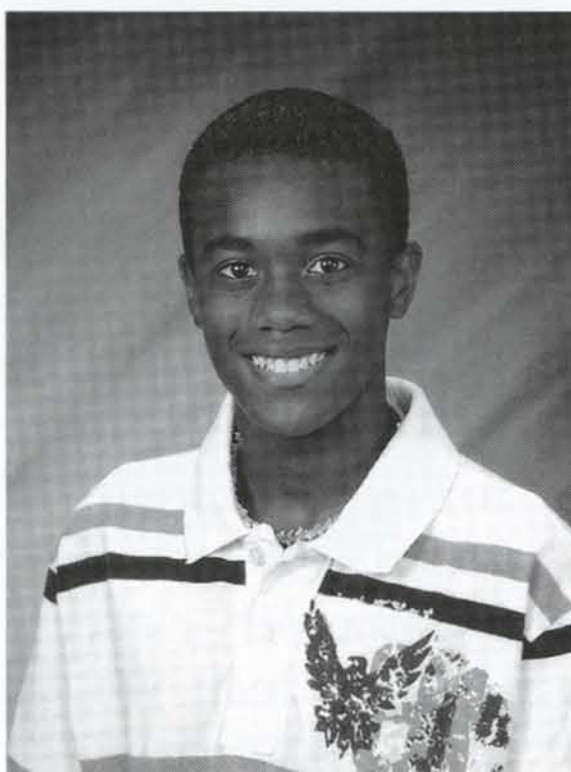
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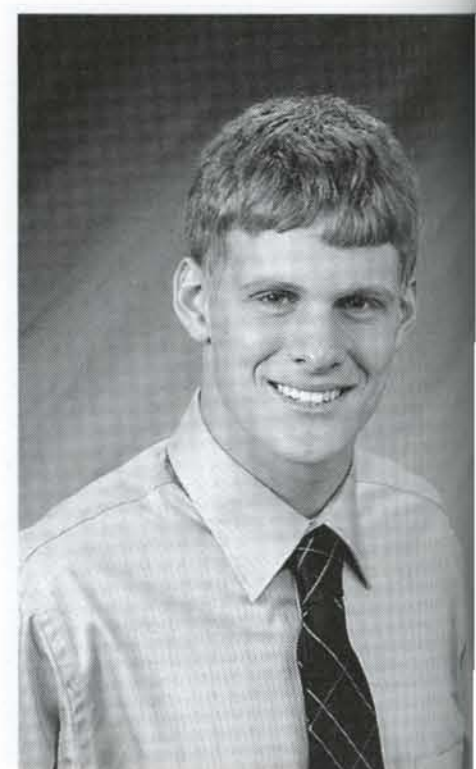
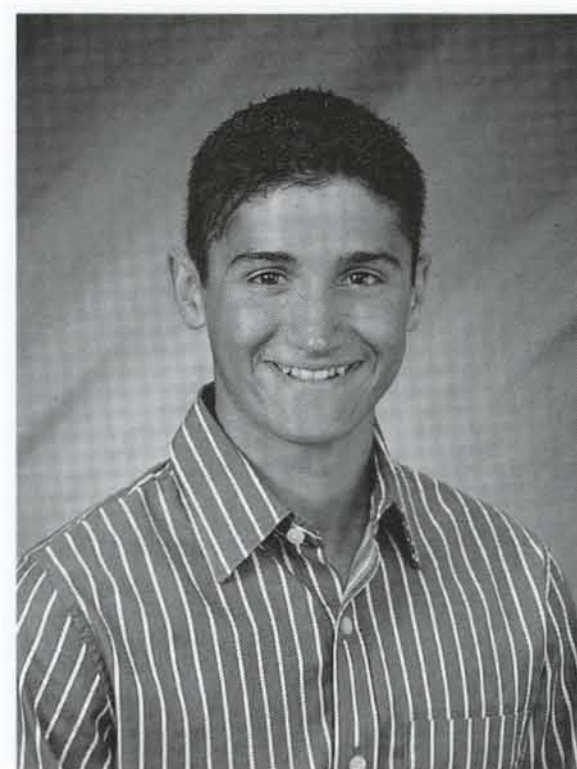
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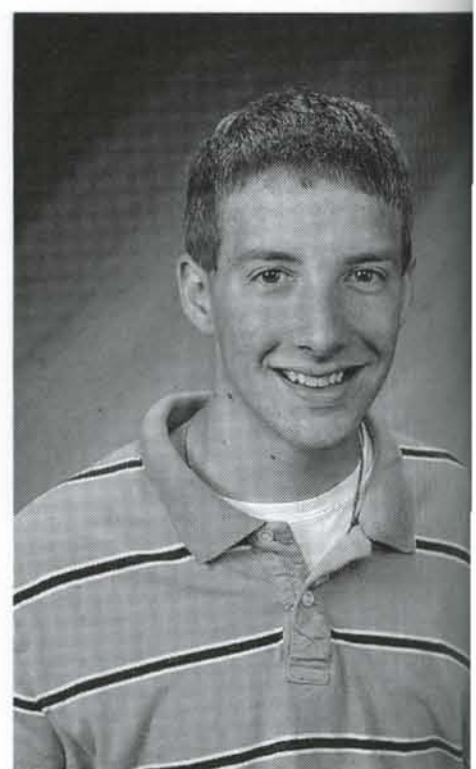
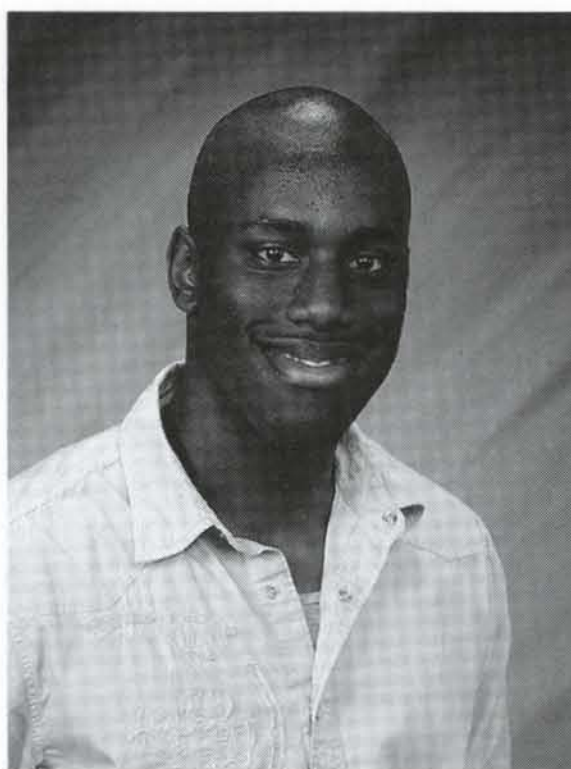
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# Class Clowns

By: Ally Miller

The lights dimmed, the music started, and the contestants took their place on stage to perform their opening number. This may sound like the beginning of the Miss America Pageant; however it was something much different.

Try-outs were held and twelve senior boys were given the chance to strut their stuff to win the title of Mr. U-High.

The contestants were judged on swimwear, formal wear, talent, and a question and answer session.

Personality and having fun also played a huge part in who was chosen as the winner.

"It's basically just whoever can make the biggest fool of themselves, and I came pretty close," Kevin Rotsch said.

For the participants it wasn't so much about winning as it was about just having fun.

Quinn Wilson said it was one of the most fun things he has ever been a part of during his time at U-High.

Not only was the actual competition full of laughs, but so were the rehearsals.

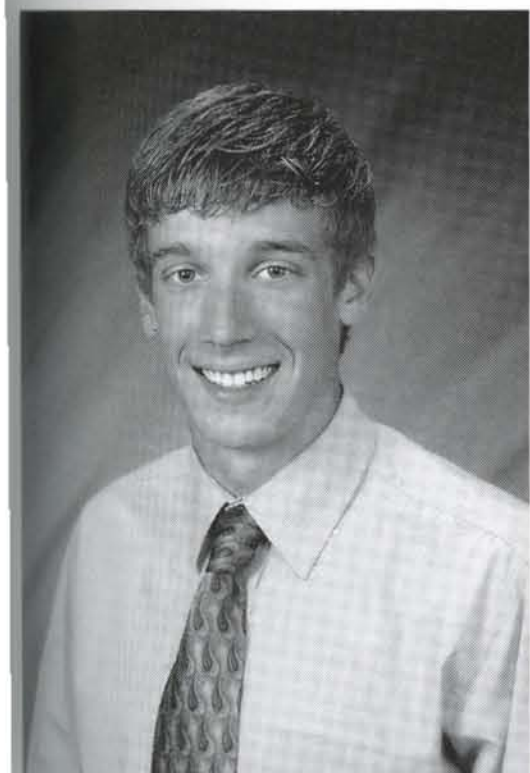
Senior Caroline Lartz, who was one of the main coordinators of the event, said the rehearsals were sometimes frustrating because the boys would often get off task and 'behave like children.'

"There was a whole lot of 'man love' going on," senior Alex Auer said jokingly of the rehearsals.

All of the practice was time well spent and Mr. U-High was a huge success.

"I loved participating and I hope this is an event that prospers in years to come," Wilson said.

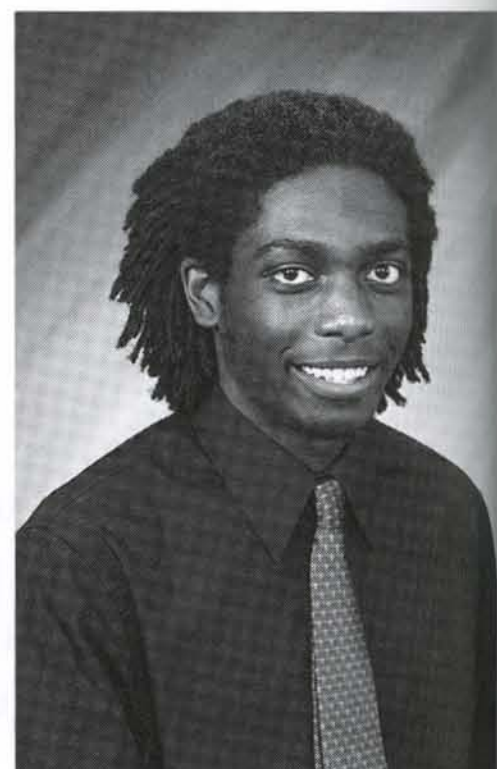
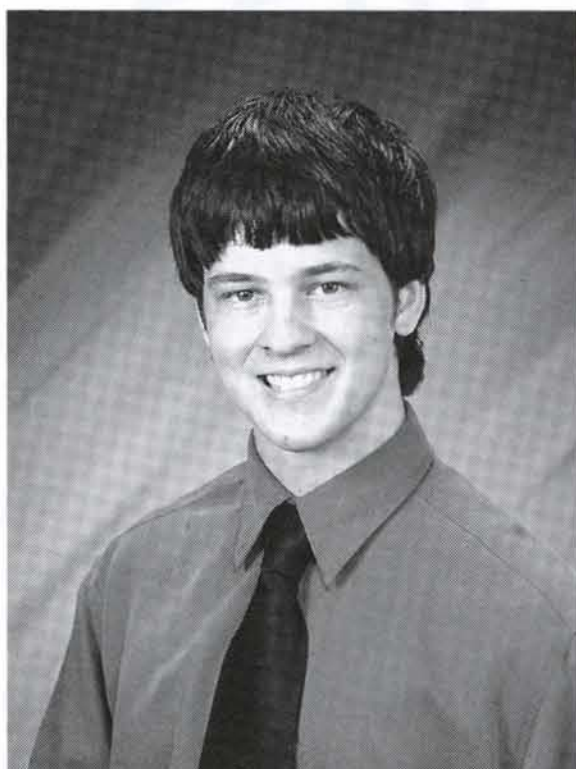
In the end, it was Anthony Duran who was crowned winner and named Mr. U-High 2007.



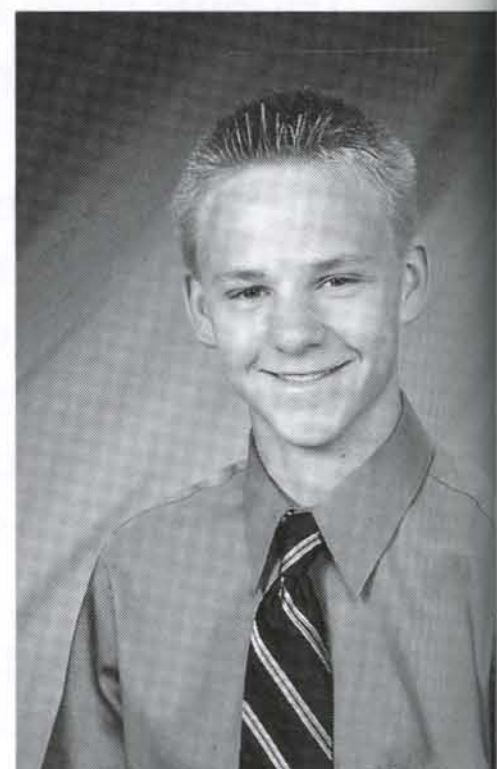
Senior boys pose at the end of the opening dance for Mr. U-High. Photo by Zach Zentner.



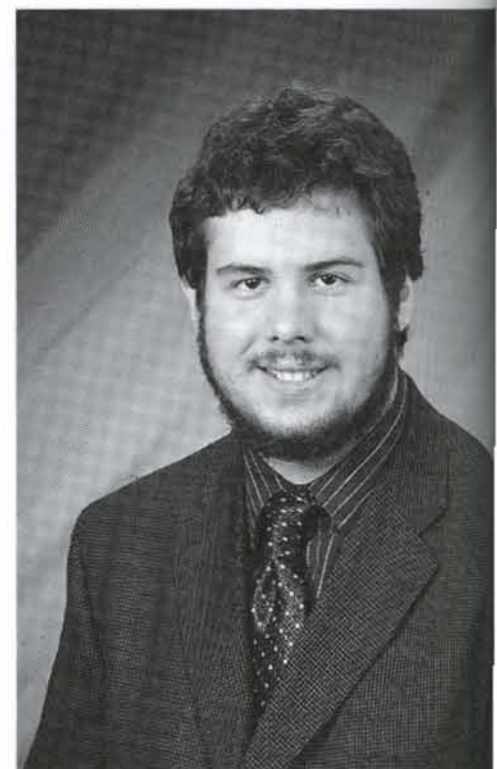
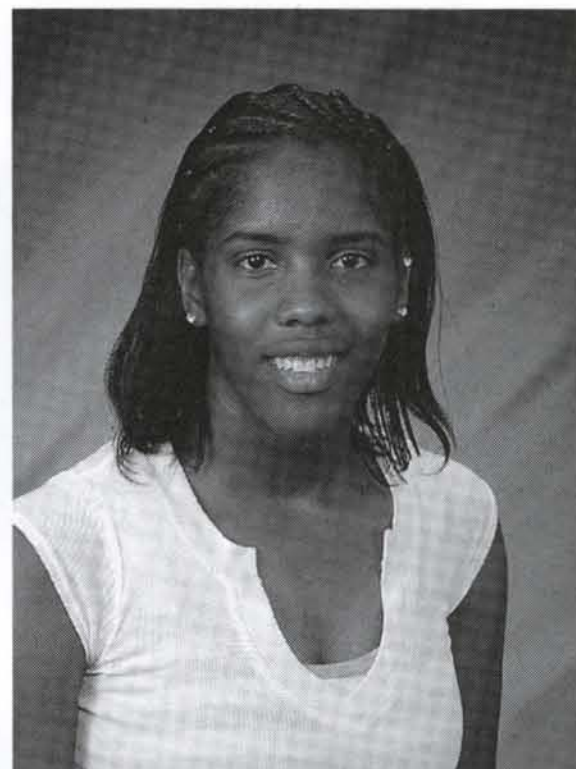
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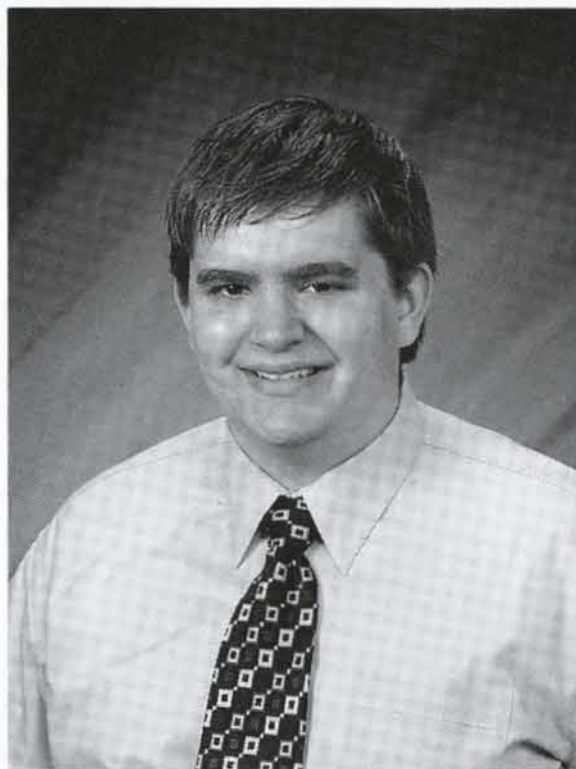
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# Seven Deadly Reasons



Judge Mark A. Drummond teaching teens the seven reasons to leave the party.  
Photo by Sara Idleman

By: Michelle Fluty

U-High students attended a presentation given by Judge Mark A. Drummond entitled '7 Reasons to Leave the Party.' This assembly's goal was to show students the consequences of poor choices.

Since the program began in the summer of Sept. 2007, it has reached 14,000 different schools in Illinois. The program addresses issues such as drinking and driving, taking drugs, and underage sex.

"Students need to know that things do still affect them before they turn 18," Drummond said.

Students were asked to take home a contract to have them sign with their parents. It stated if the student is ever in a place and they feel uncomfortable the parent would come pick them up, no questions asked.

Senior Chelsea Harris said it was a good topic to address and will help her make wise choices when she goes to college next year.

Throughout the assembly students got to interact with Drummond. He showed how a breathalyzer works and explained how a person cannot cheat when taking a urine analysis test.

At the end of the presentation when Drummond showed pictures of a girl whom had been the victim of drinking and driving, Stroud became very quiet and serious.

"This really opened my eyes to the reality," junior Sara McCullough said.

## 7 Reasons to Leave the Party

1. Possible death
2. Loss of trust
3. Loss of drivers license
4. Loss of privacy
5. Paying fines
6. Loss of job because of criminal record
7. Time wasted submitting a urine test



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Lauren Leffler  
Cheryl Liang  
Alex Logrono



Shelby Martin  
Mercedes Martinez



# McCharity

By: Sara Idleman

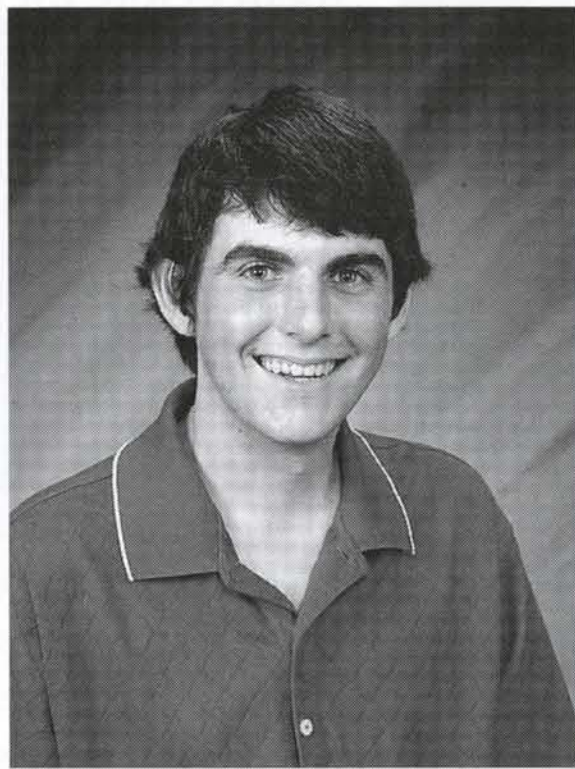
When thinking of McDonald's, the first thing to come to mind is usually greasy french fries and those bright golden arches. Many are unaware of the charity work the McDonald's Corporation conducts through programs such as the Ronald McDonald House, Family Room, and Ca Mobile.

In previous years, senate has chosen charities such as the Heifer Foundation and Toys for Tots to help support during the holiday season. This year senate decided to chose a charity that has directly impacted the families of students who walk our very own halls.

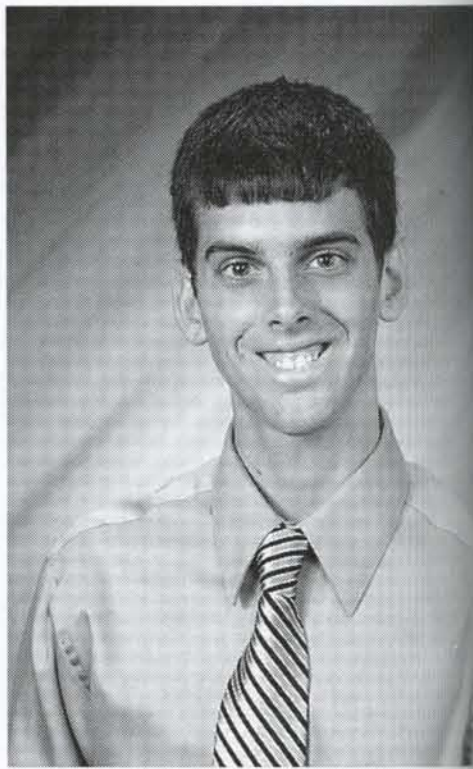
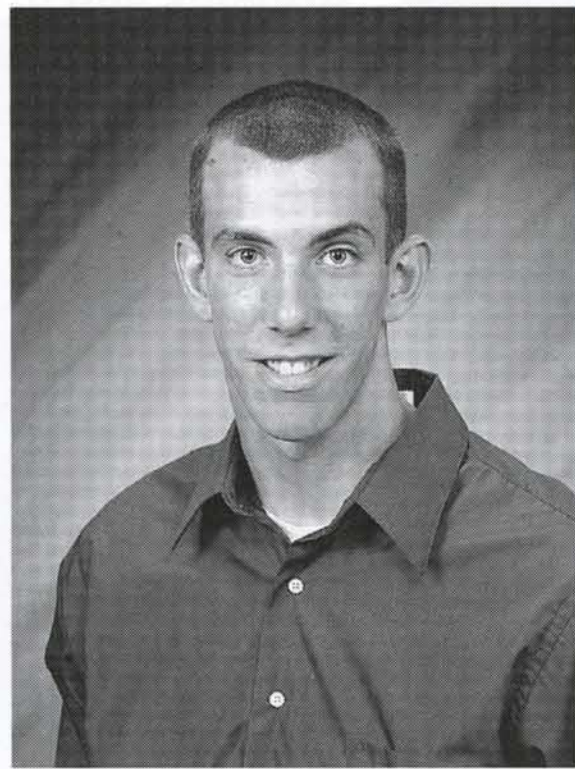
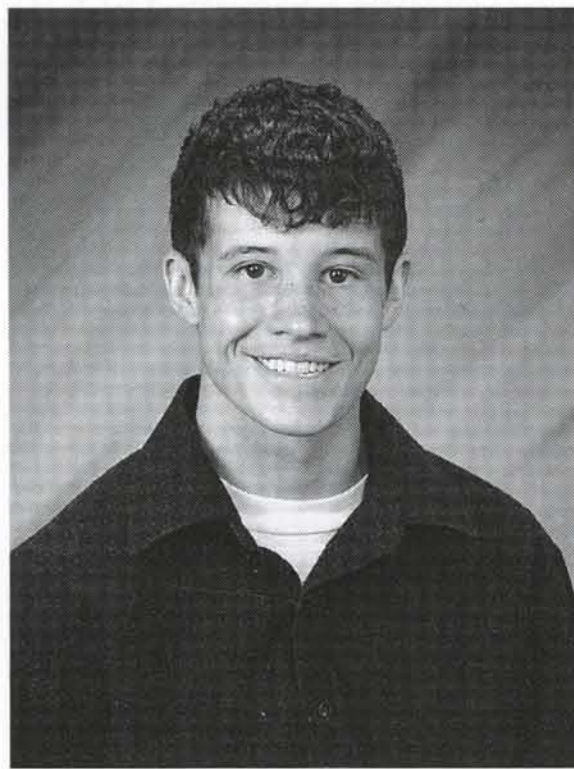
"We chose the Ronald McDonald House because it has helped three separate families from U-High through times of crisis and need," senior student body president Dan Grieco said.

According to their website, the Ronald McDonald House was created to help seriously

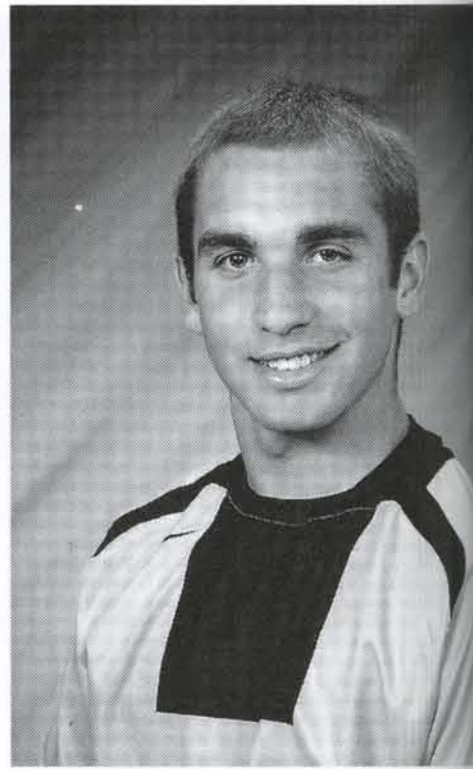
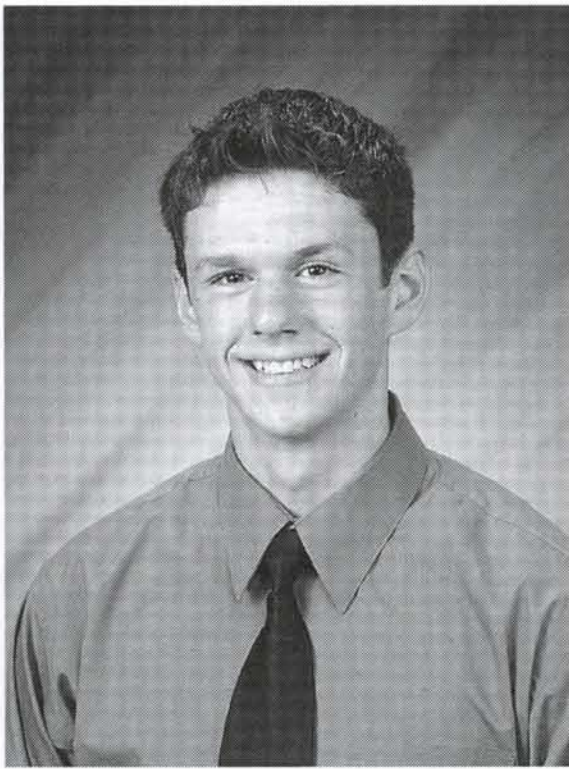
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children and their families. It provides a safe and welcoming home for children receiving medical treatment at a nearby medical facility.

Mary Kay Rotsch remembers the stress and anxiety she and her husband felt when their son Daniel was born. He was very ill and had to stay in the intensive care unit at Saint Francis Hospital in Peoria.

"We were living in Pontiac at the time and we needed to be closer to Dan because he was so critical," Rotsch said.

Luckily, for the Rotsches and thousands of other families all over the world, the Ronald McDonald House is able to provide a home for families during these crucial times. The Rotsch family is grateful that it even exists.

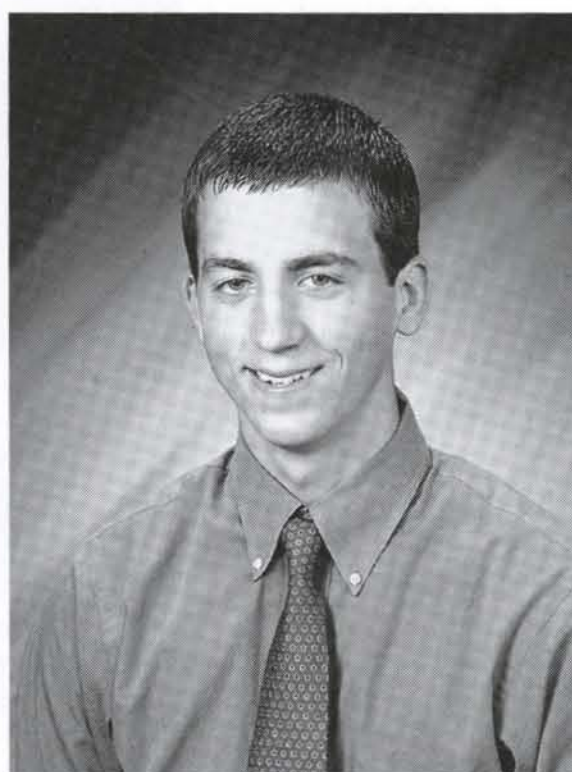
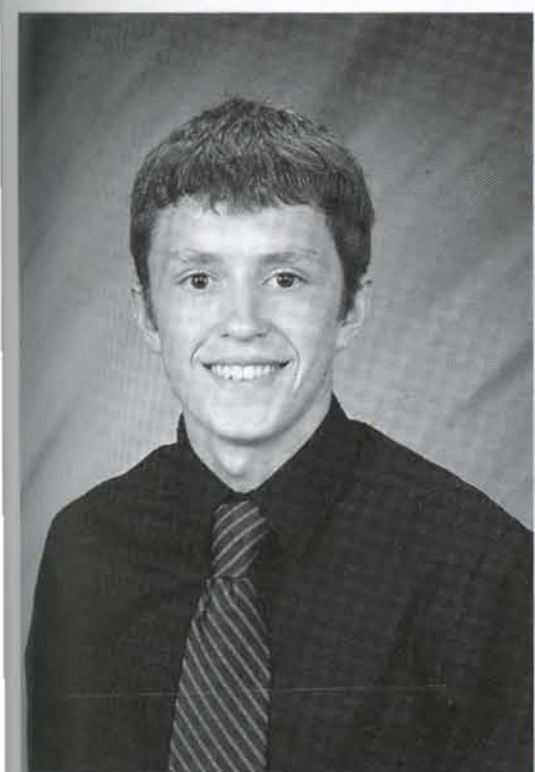
"At that point in your life, your only focus is your ill child. It was great to know that McDonald's realizes parents like us exist and need help and housing so we can be with our children," Rotsch said.

Not only does the Ronald McDonald house provide a place to relax, eat, do laundry, and sleep, it also brings together other families who are going through similar situations.

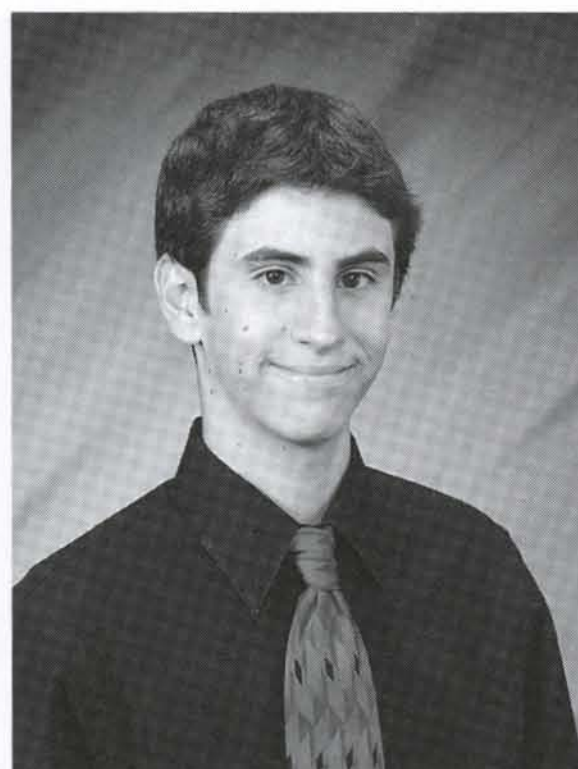


Photo by Matt Shrier

"We shared in what the others were going through. We understood how scary it is for parents to have critically ill children," Rotsch said



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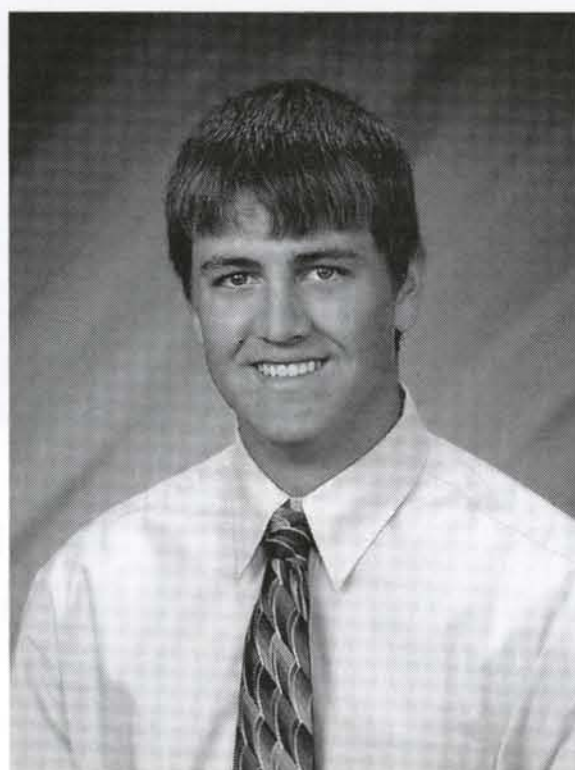
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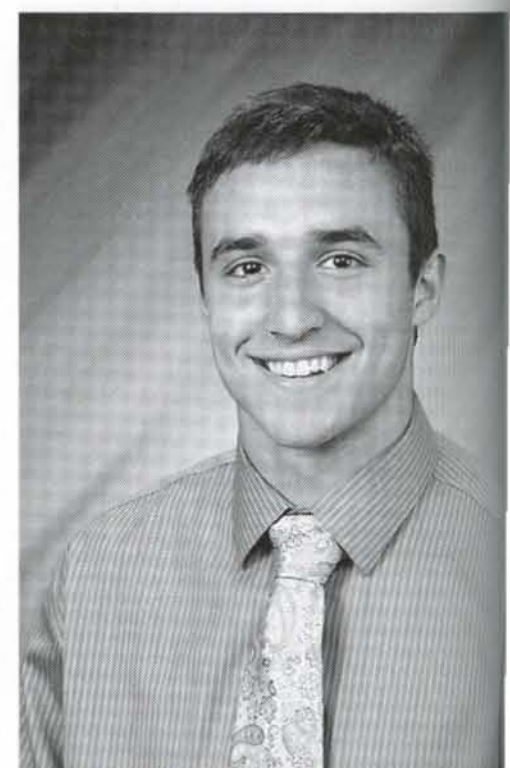
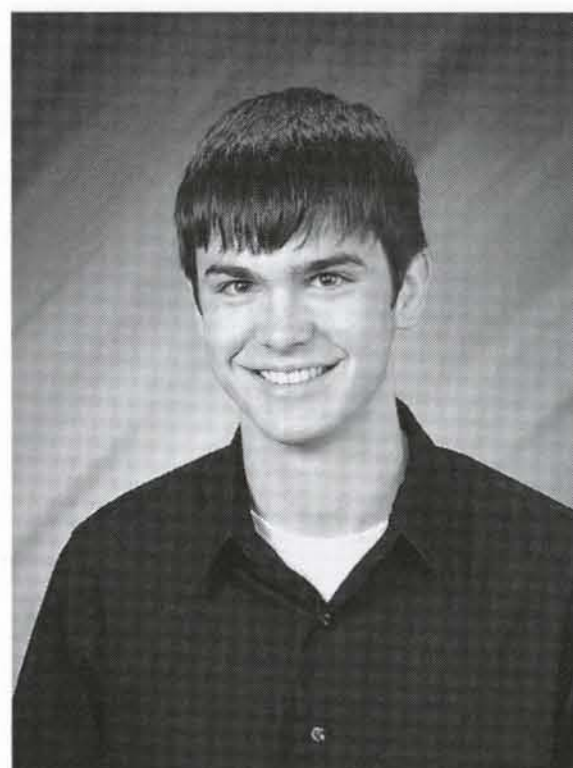
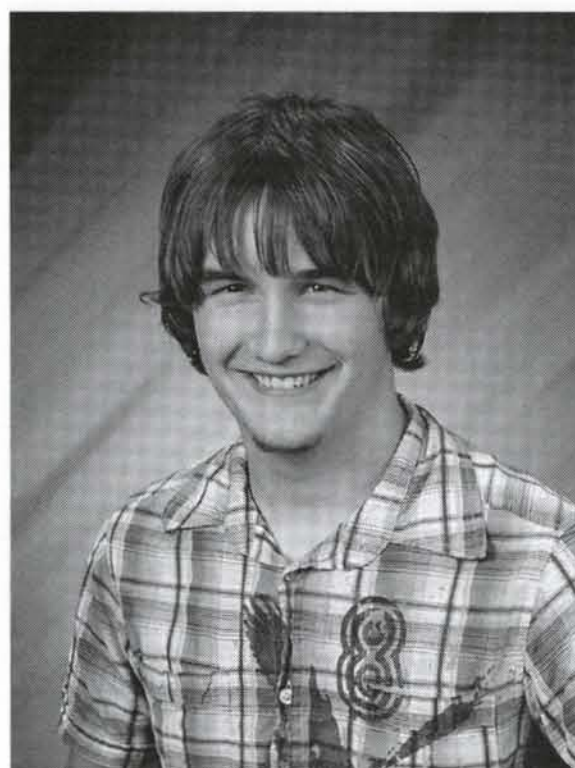
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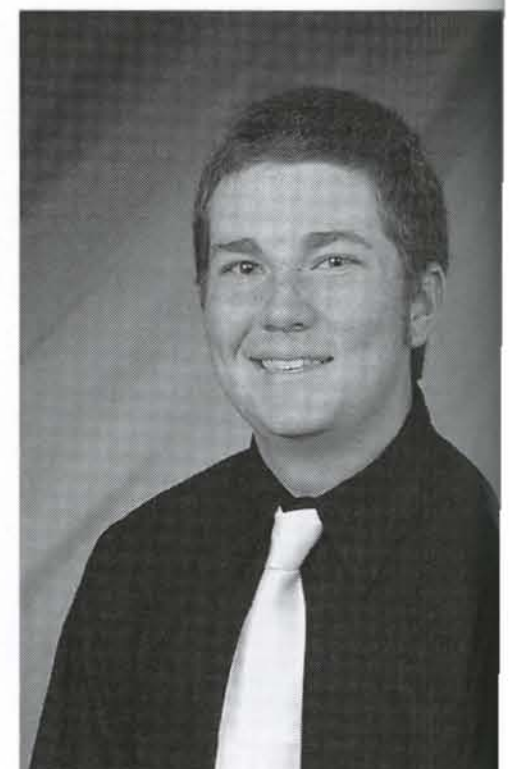
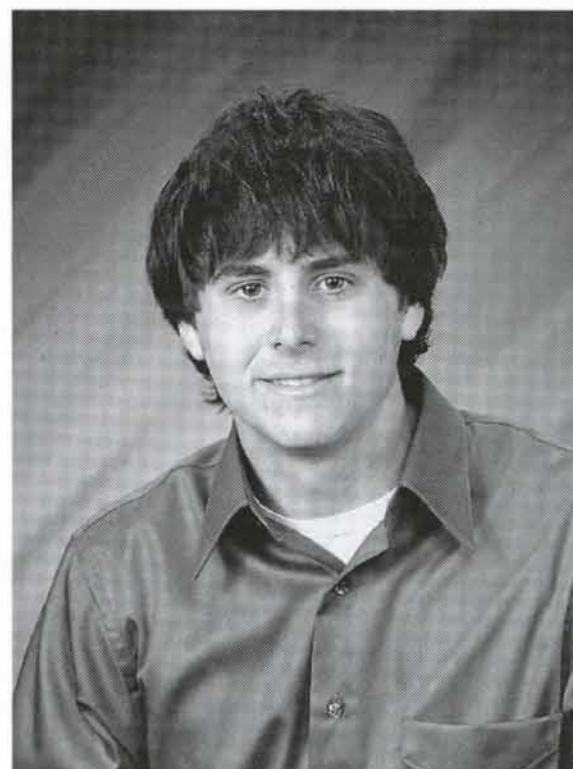
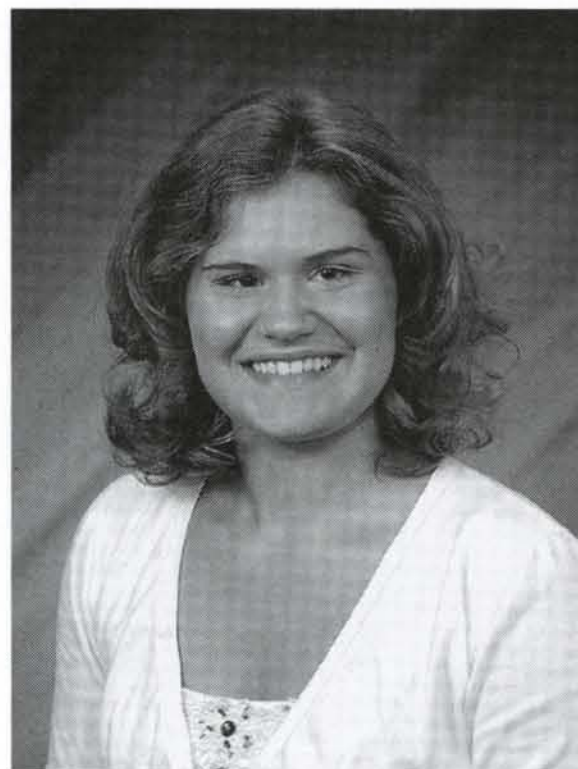
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 Mitch Rogers  
 Kevin Rotsch





# Tattoo: A Decorative Freckle

Senior Brandi  
Broker shows off  
her tattoo.  
Photo by Alyssa  
Humphreys



By: EJ Schiller

Coming of age as a senior in high school generally means voting and adult responsibilities. For two U-High seniors, they chose to express their newfound adulthood by forever leaving a mark of love and compassion for their family on their skin.

Senior Brandi Broker got two tattoos and can't wait to get tatted up again.

She has a star with a "B" in the middle on her foot along with the Chinese symbol for family on her shoulder. Both of these tattoos can also be found on her sister, Britney, while her mother has the Chinese symbol.

"My mom actually went in with me to get my Chinese symbol. It was a good experience because now our whole family is connected by this tattoo," Broker said.

With the professional work world in the near future, Broker doesn't see any reason to get visible tattoos.

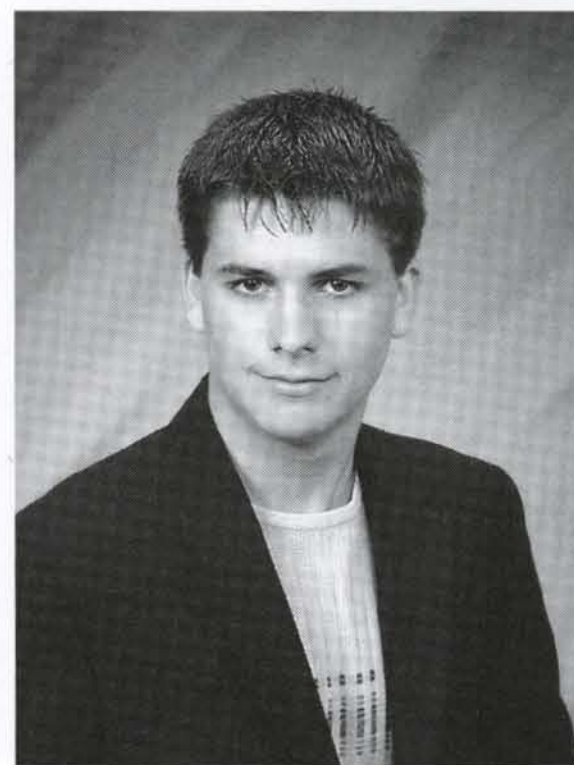
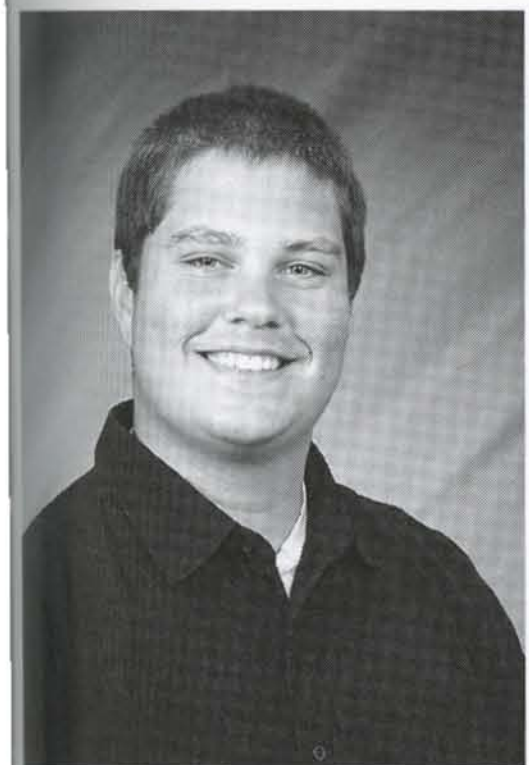
"I think it wouldn't look professional to have tattoos visible and it could end up affecting my ability to get a job," she said.

Senior Cory Olsen got a deer skull tattoo on the middle of his back. He said that his brother and father also plan to get the same tattoo.

He only has one regret: he didn't receive his parents' permission.

"I wish I would have told my parents first because I got the silent treatment from my mom after," the remorseful senior said.

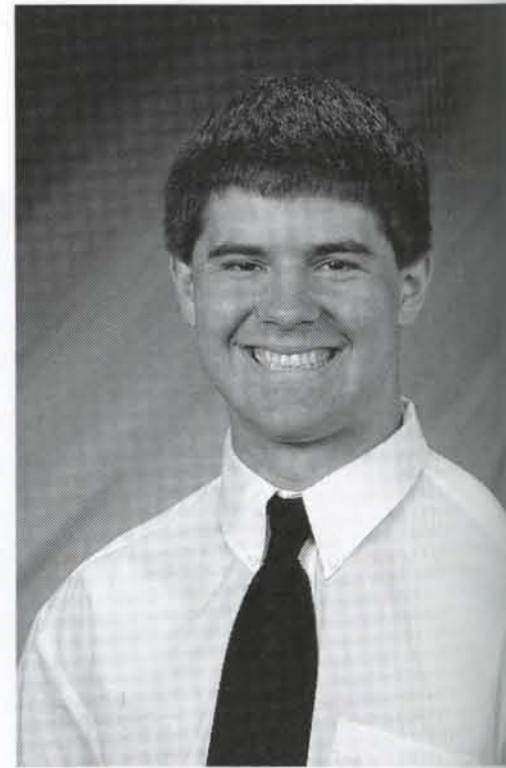
Although Olsen's mom is back on speaking terms with him, he doesn't foresee any more tattoos in the near future.



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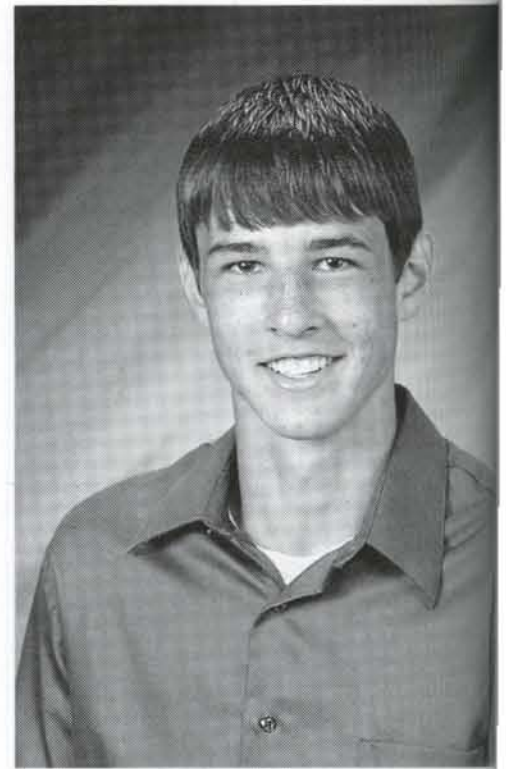
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Erin Tofanelli  
Lindsey Turner  
Clint Vatterrodt  
Rebekah Vaughan





# Senior Speechie Succeeds at State

By: Katie Zimmerman

Some students spend the months of November through February engaging in seasonal sports such as basketball or wrestling.

Senior Sarah Capodice takes part in a different sort of engagement: U-High's speech team.

"Speech is something that's always interested me. I really like to talk," Capodice said.

Not everyone is talented enough to place 6th in State for Original Oratory. In fact, Capodice was the first person from U-High in five years to even break into finals.

Speech coach Mark Adams applauds Capodice's efforts.

"When you get to this level and you're in the final round of the State tournament in Illinois, the difference between first and sixth place is microscopic," he said.

Her Original Oratory was an eight minute speech she wrote and memorized about informa-

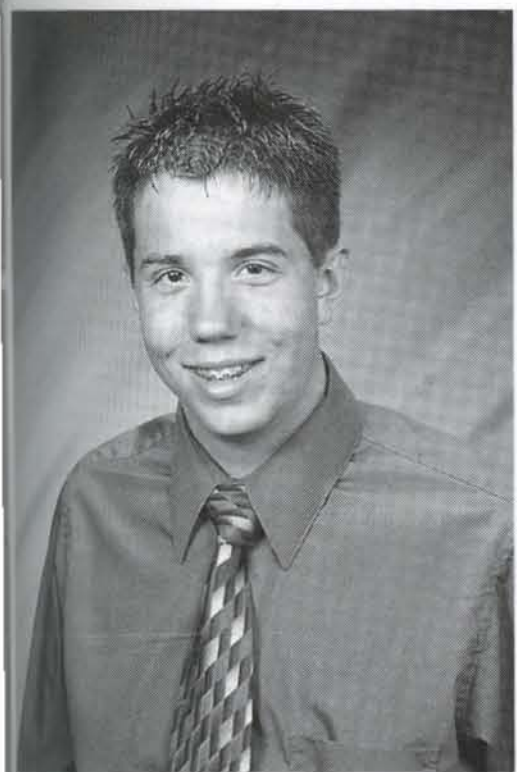
tion literacy which is the ability to use information properly.

She faced 18 competitors in her event at state. They consisted of the top three contestants from each sectional. Capodice said her opponents gave some of the best speeches she's ever heard.

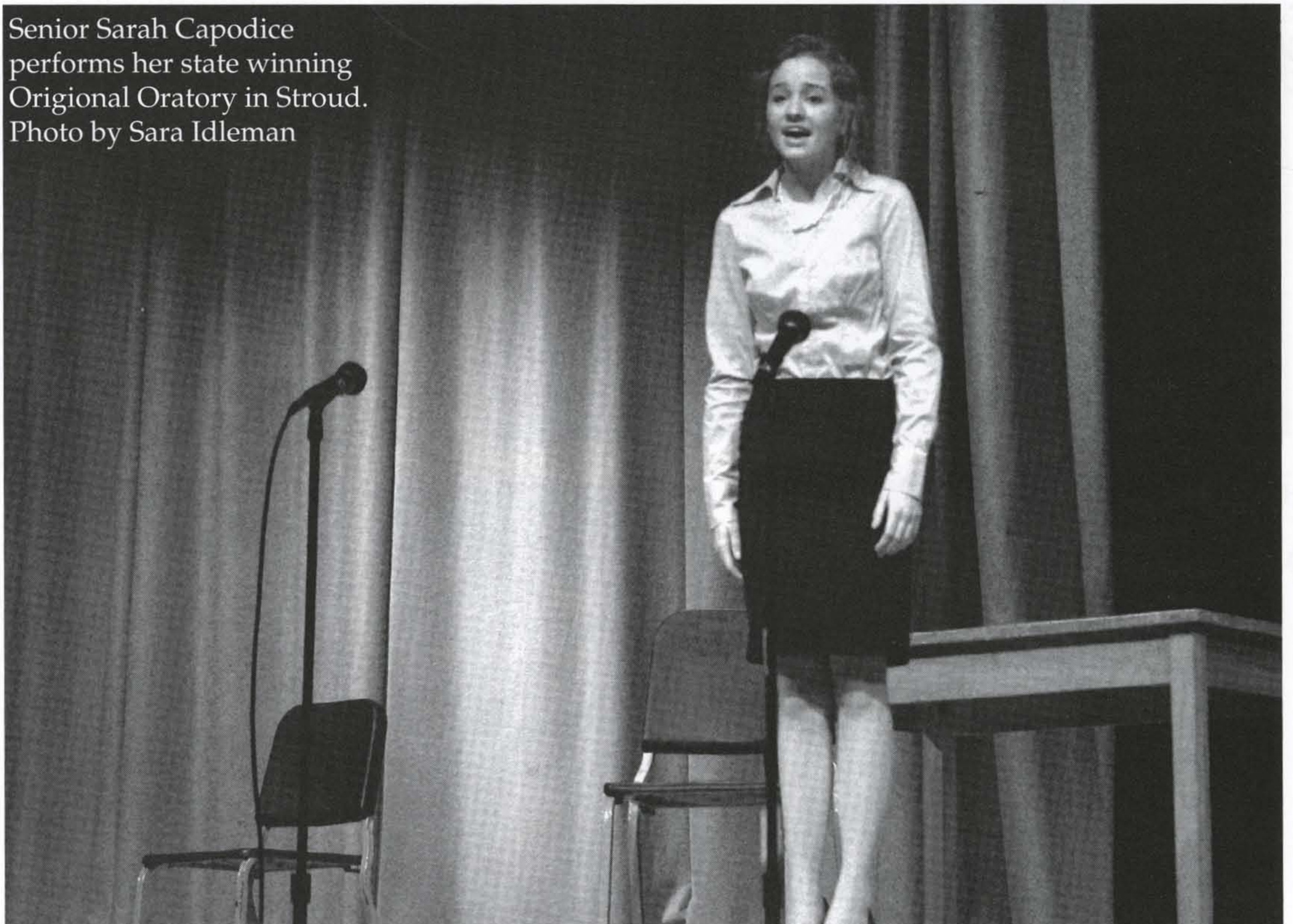
"Illinois is such a competitive speech state that the top six speakers at our State tournament are generally in the top 40 or 50 speakers in the United States. The difference between those 40 or 50 is even smaller than it is at our state level. Any one of them can win any tournament on any given day," Adams said.

Capodice was just as pleased with her turn-out as Adams was.

"My final round was the best I've ever done my speech. Even though I got sixth, I couldn't be disappointed. I had no regrets," she said.



Senior Sarah Capodice performs her state winning Original Oratory in Stroud. Photo by Sara Idleman





Rachel Vazquez  
Kathryn Vivirito



# Filming Insomnia

By: Alyssa Humpreys and Alex Kraft

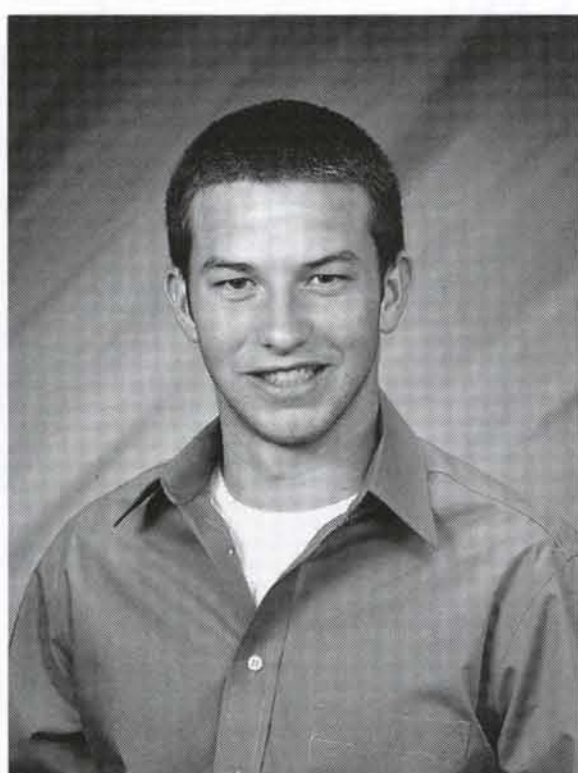
Seniors Alex Auer, Michael Quarton, and Quinn Wilson participated in a highly competitive contest called Apple Insomnia Film Festival. The catch: candidates only have 24 hours to make three minutes of silver-screen magic.

The annual contest, which started last year, encourages small groups of young filmmakers to pull an all-nighter as they are given 24 hours to write, act, edit, and submit a short film.

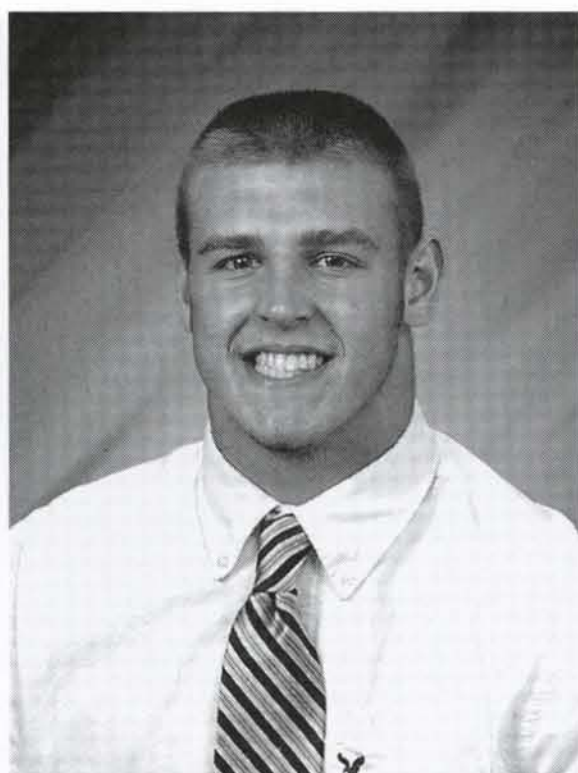
"A ton of unique challenges were presented the second we started the film fest. Making a movie is a slow rigorous process," Wilson said. "Doing all of this in less than one day is phenomenal."

Groups placing in the top three received editing software called Final Cut Pro, a Logic sound package, a Mac Book Pro, Apple One to

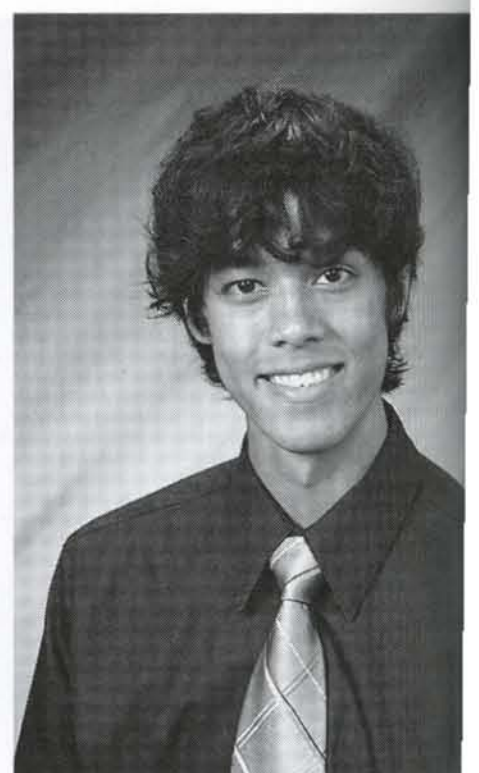
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Taiyo Wilson





One technical support software, and Shake, which was the program used for the special effects done in Universal Pictures' "King Kong."

Each group was e-mailed at 8 a.m. the morning of Oct. 13, to ensure they did not begin filming before that day. In that e-mail, a list of ten things that may be incorporated into the film were provided. Each group had to choose three.

Auer, Quarton, and Wilson chose from the list to incorporate a Dutch angle (where the camera is tilted), the character name Robin Darjeeling, and the line, "Don't tempt me."

Auer summarizes their film, "Business Date," as a business man finding himself in a comically awkward situation when meeting with a very important client.

All three of the guys wrote, set up the shoot, acted, and edited together. Seniors Nick Houska and Scott Blair were actors in the movie as well.

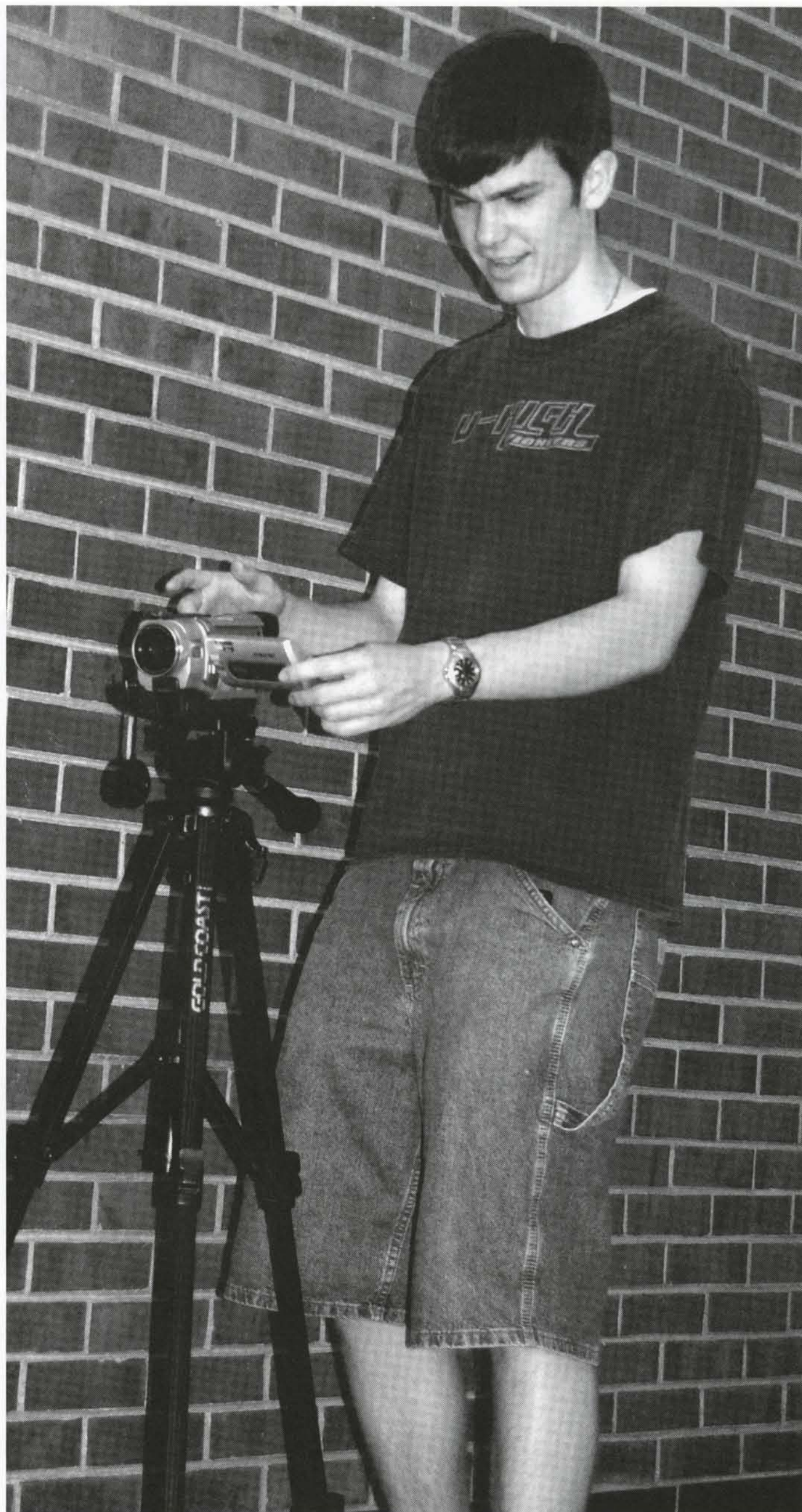
They worked on the film for 18-20 hours and filmed it at The Chateau. The only props were laptop bags, a notebook, a cell phone, a pen, and Chateau menus.

Luckily, Wilson had the editing software Final Cut Pro and a video camera, making the experience easier and completely free. Viewers voted on videos in the gallery before Nov. 9 at the Apple website. The video may also be seen by searching "Business Date" on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).

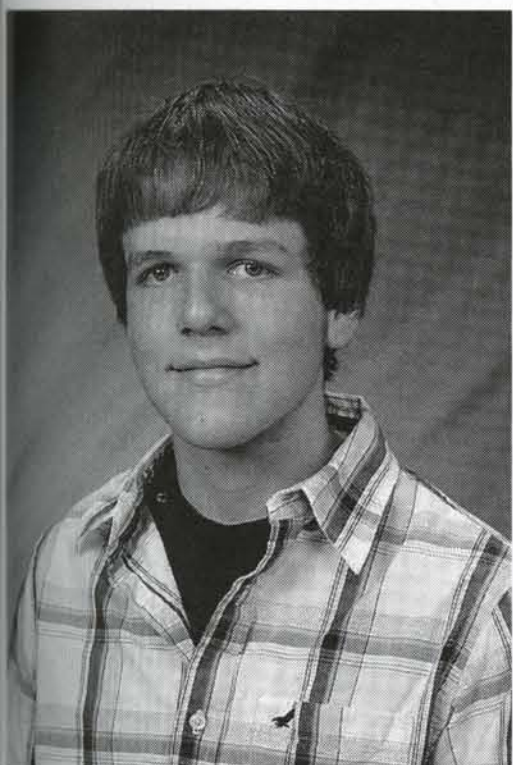
"They only named the top three films, and there were thousands of videos. I don't know where we would have stood, but we weren't one of the top three," Auer said.

Although the group may not have been successful with the judges, they felt they gained many things from the experience.

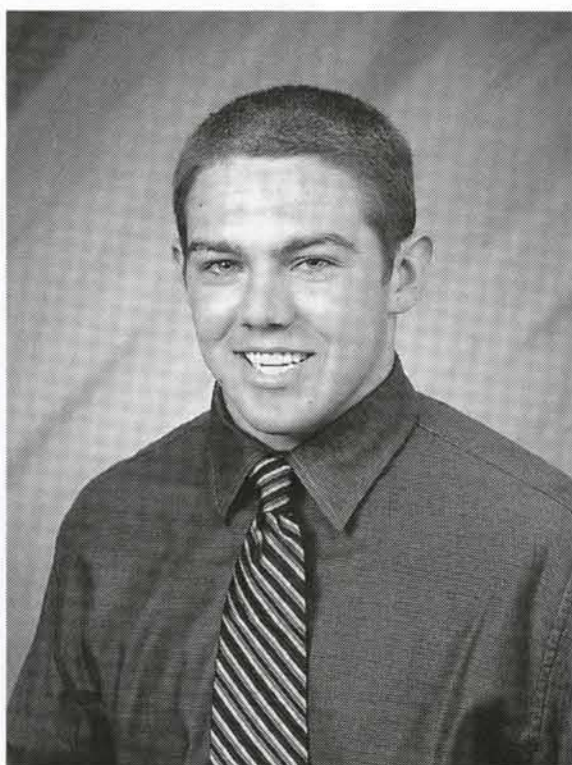
"We thought a lot about what goes into making a film. We worked really hard and were happy with the final result of our film," Auer said.



Senior Michael Quarton shoots a film for Class Night.  
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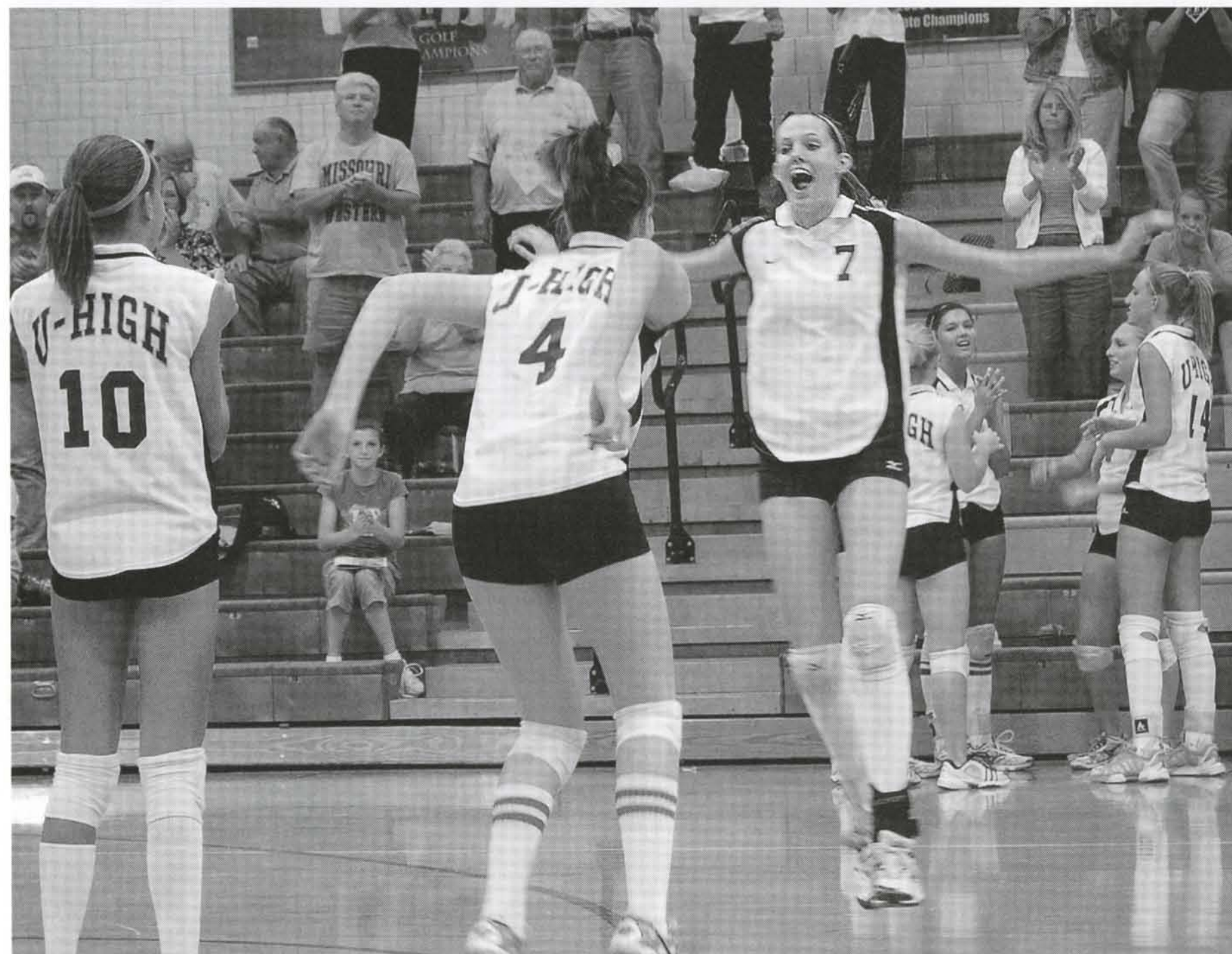
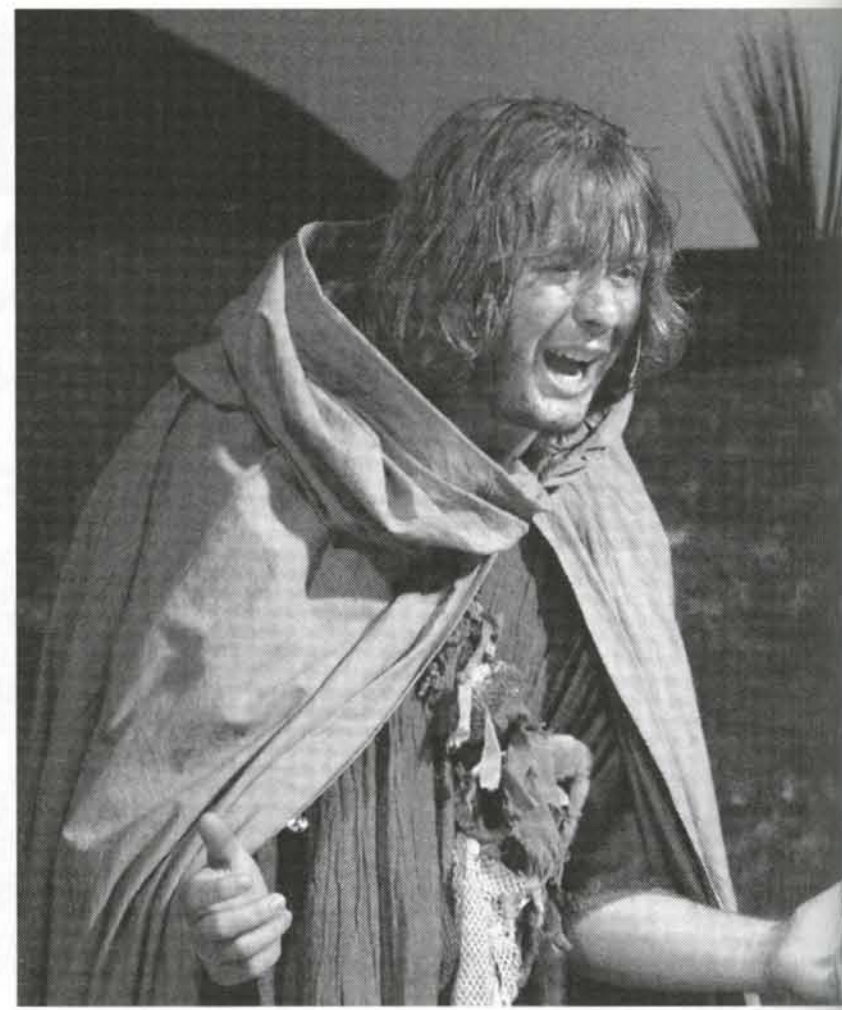
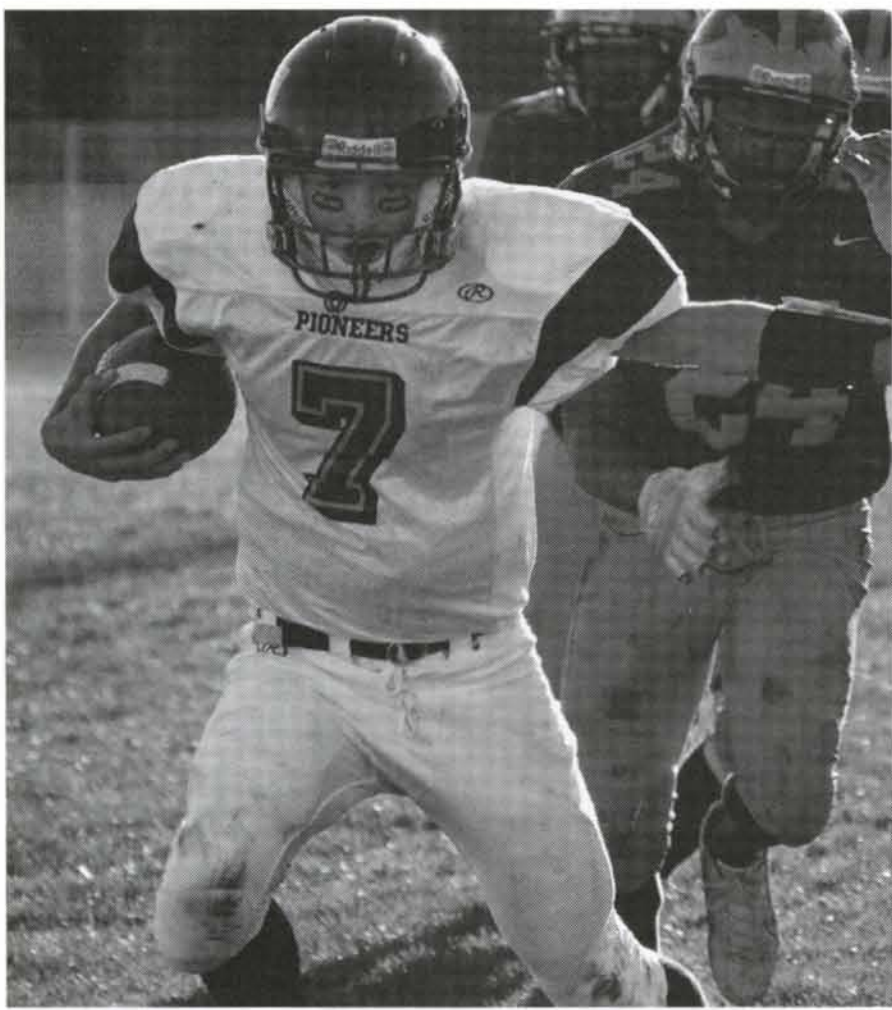


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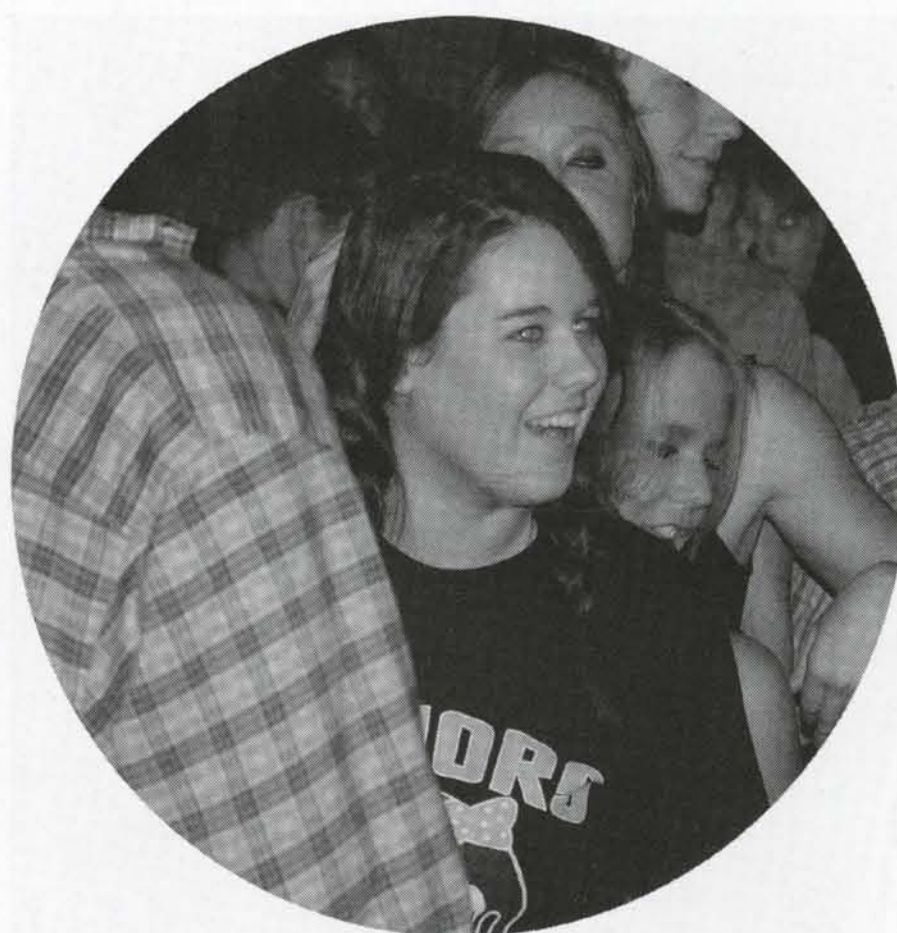
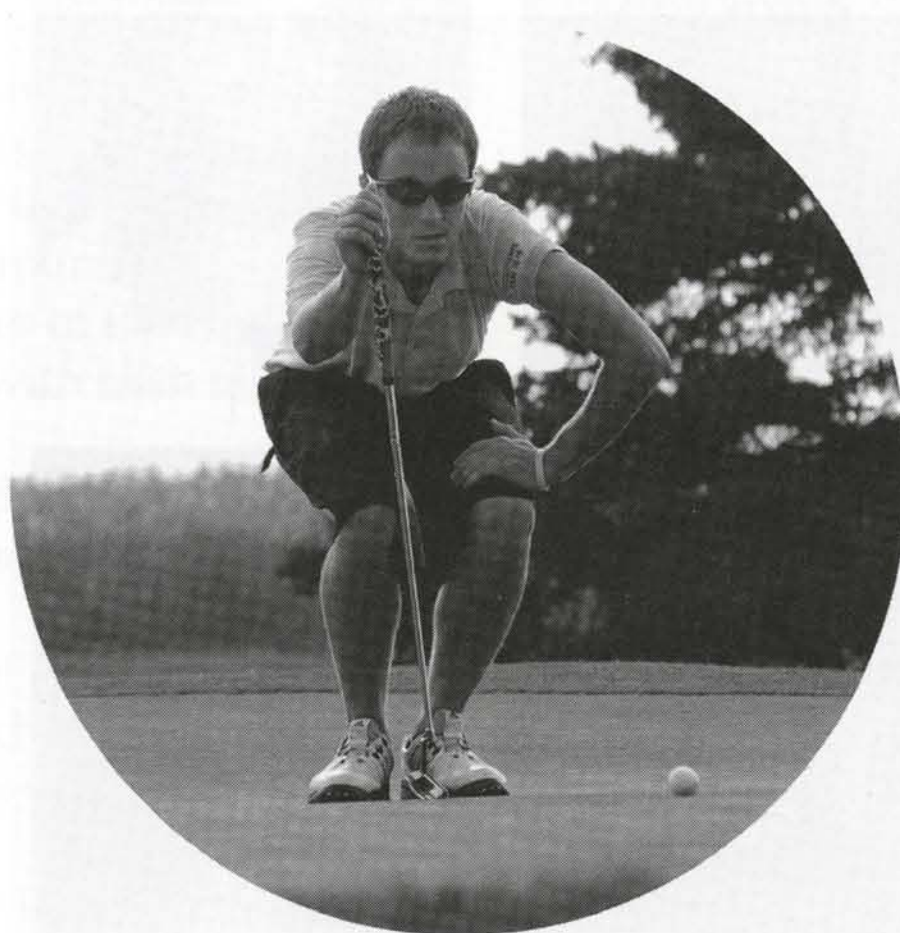
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Jacob Rutledge







# Juniors



# 2009

Junior photo collage starting at top left clockwise: Jake Todino carries the football, Vince Kroll rings bells for the Salvation Army, Matt Stroh acts in the fall play, Cassie Anderson and Ellyn Polley shop for foods class, Brent Miller performs in the fall play, Carly Schumacher is announced for the volleyball starting line-up, juniors clap during a football game.

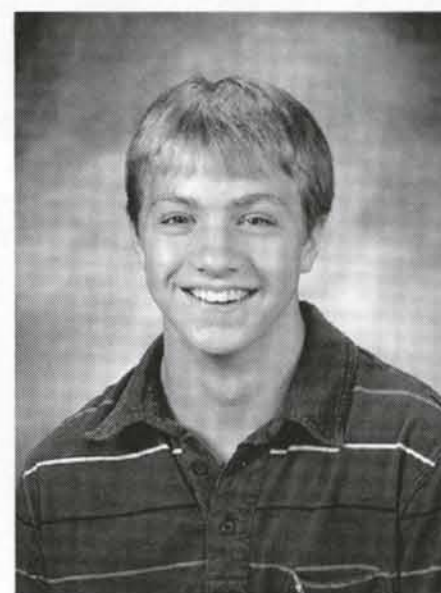
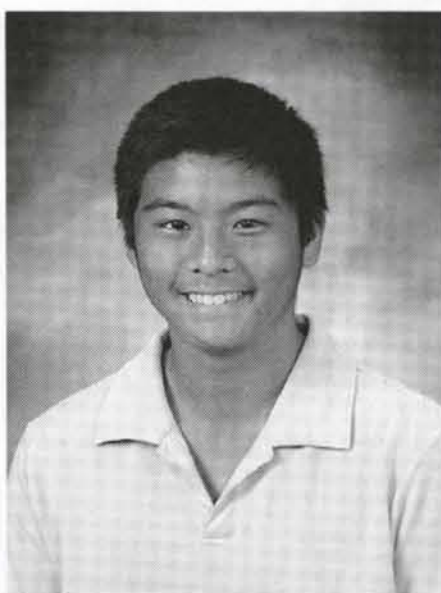
Circle photos above from left to right: Laura Smith acts in the winter one acts, Ben Kilborn lines up his putt, Casie Golliday dances with friends.



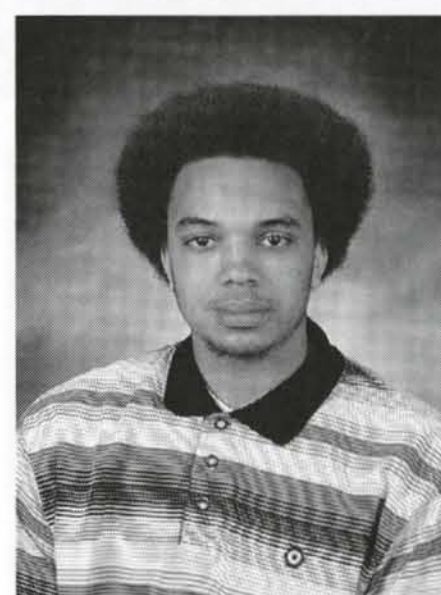
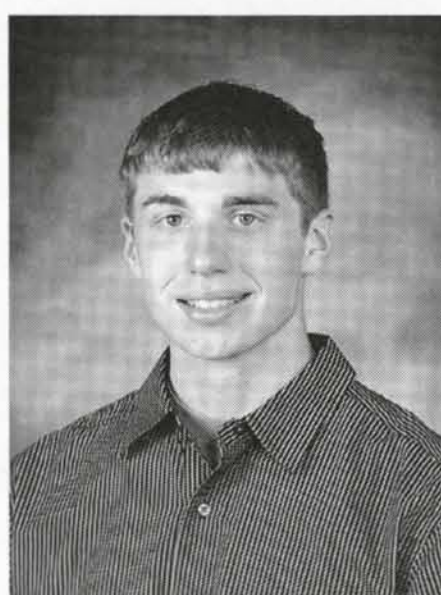
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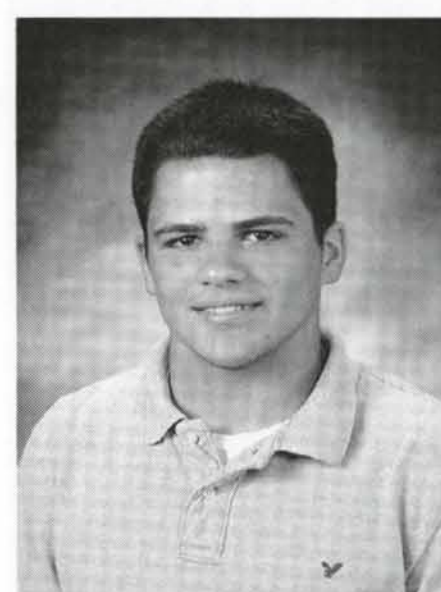
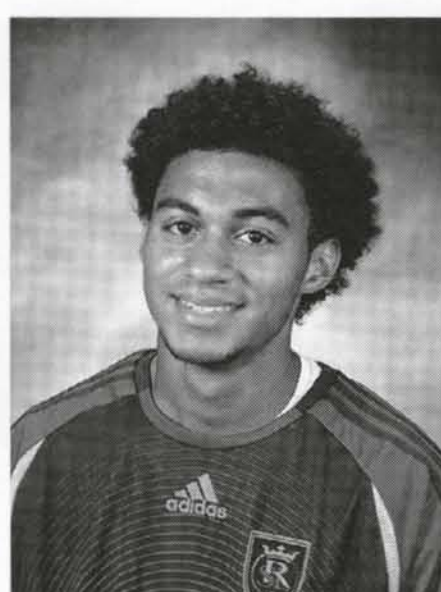
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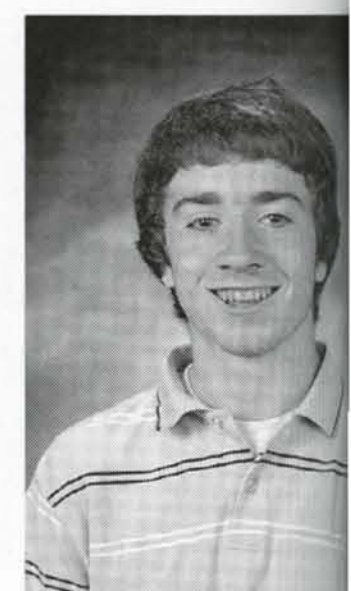
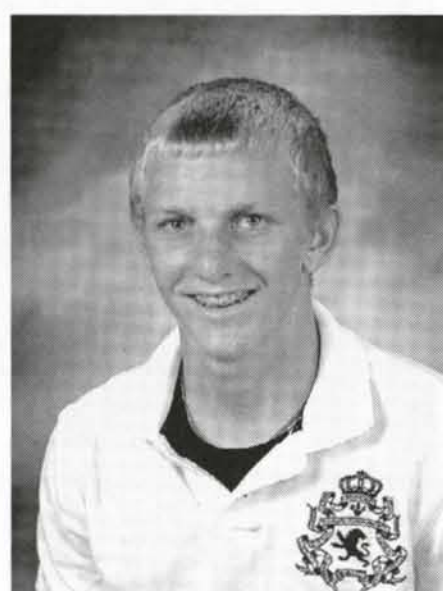
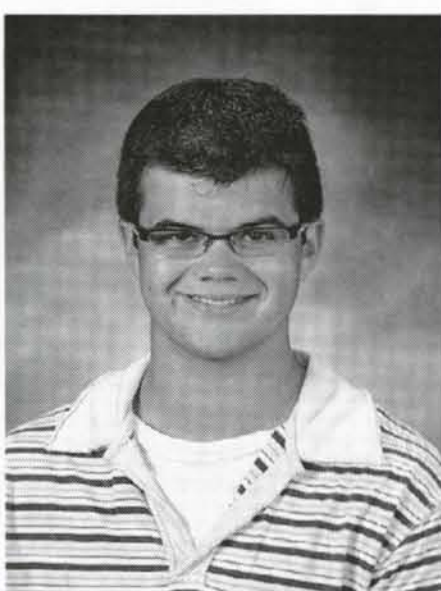
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Alexis Bustle  
Reid Butts  
Colleen Campbell  
Jack Capodice





# All or Nothing

By: Ally Miller

On Friday Feb. 1 school was cancelled due to snow and most students were probably either playing outside or relaxing in their homes, but for U-High's All-State musicians, their day was spent much differently.

Just the day before our snow day, nearly 3,000 musicians from all over the state traveled to Peoria.

From the time the musicians arrived on Thursday until their final concert at the Peoria Civic Center on Saturday, their schedules were jam packed with rehearsals.

After practicing tirelessly for the district auditions, participants were then placed in district ensembles and chosen for State from there.

There were two groups for band, orchestra, and choir. The best of the best were placed in Honors, while the runners up were in All-State. None the less, all of them were directed by some of the most talented musicians around.

Senior Kaitlyn Nibbelin, a member of the Honors All-State choir, said it was an honor to work with such talented directors.

These musicians were given the chance to play with some who were just as talented, if not more talented than themselves.

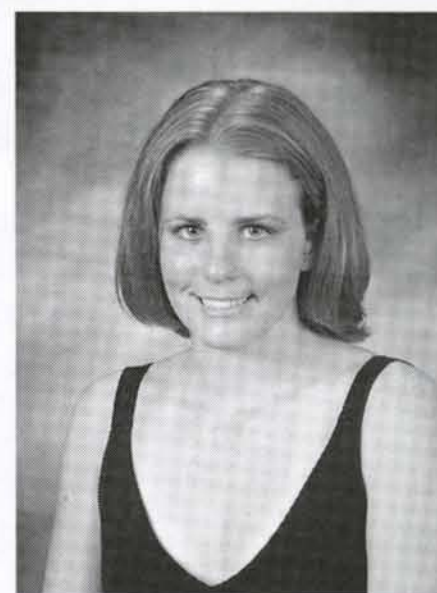
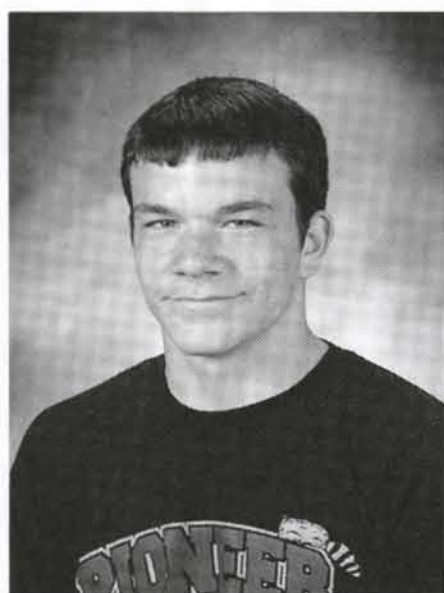
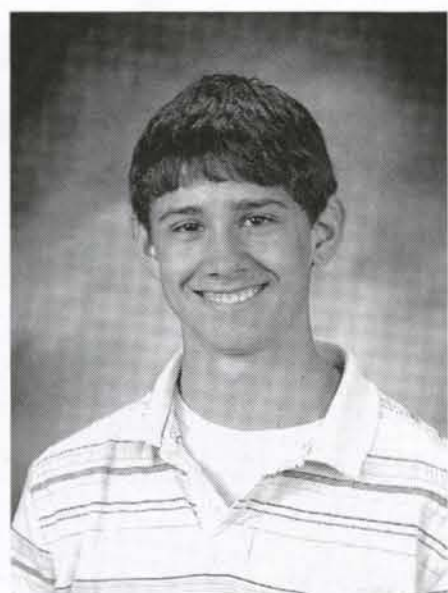
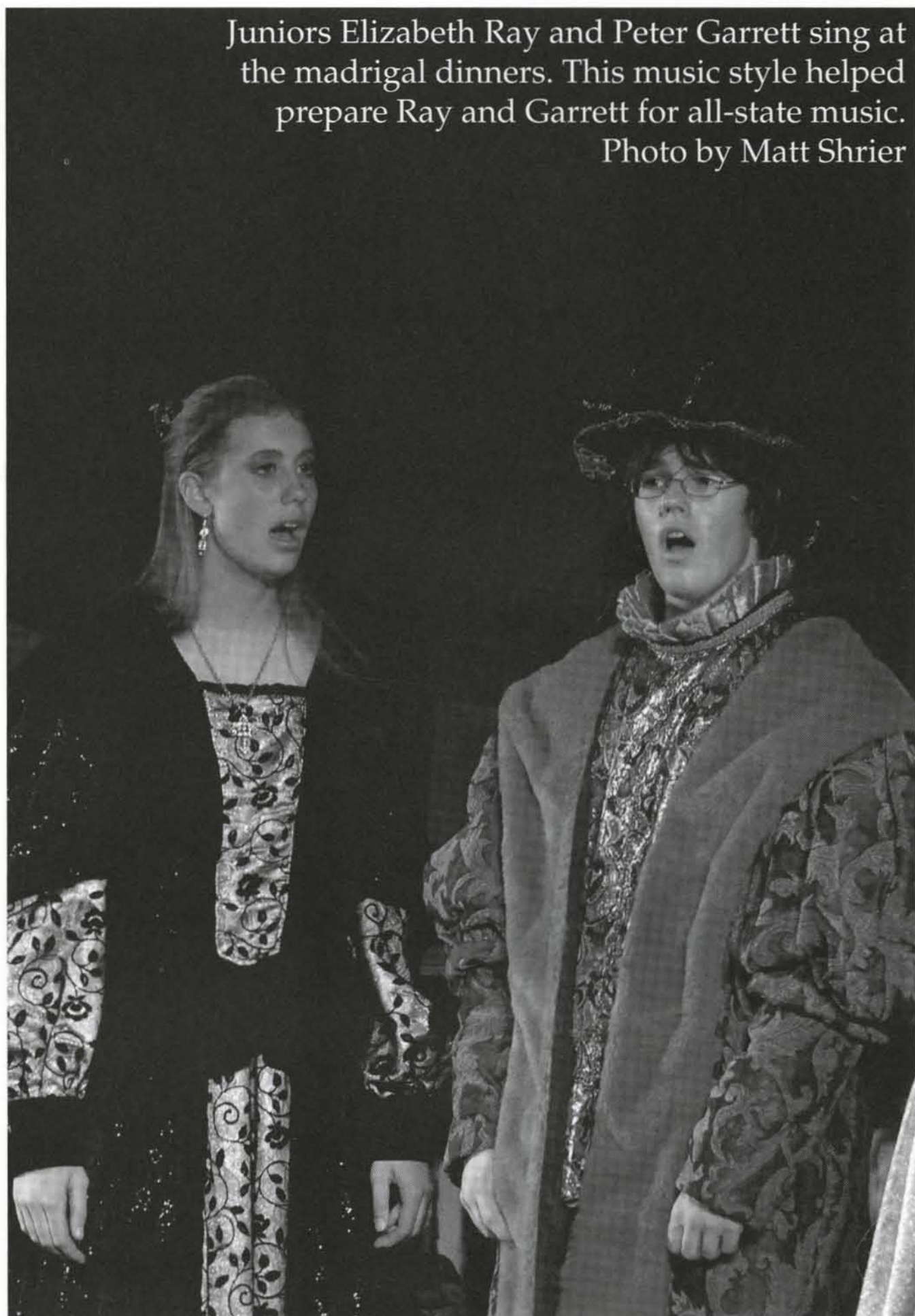
Junior Elizabeth Ray, a member of All-State choir, said she was very excited to be included in such a group.

"Everyone was so talented. It was very cool to be able to sing choir at that caliber," Ray said.

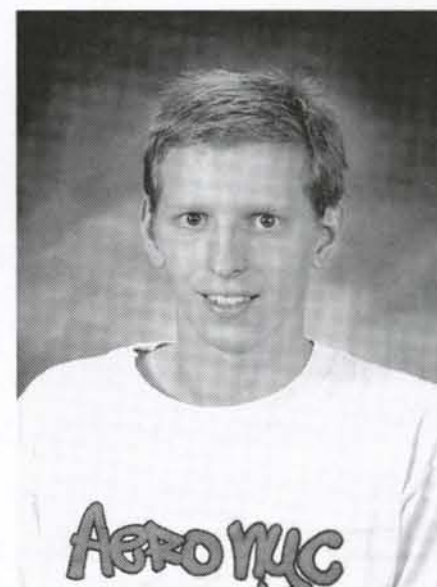
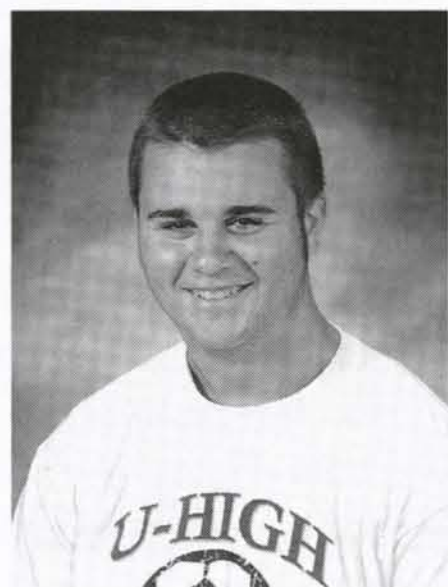
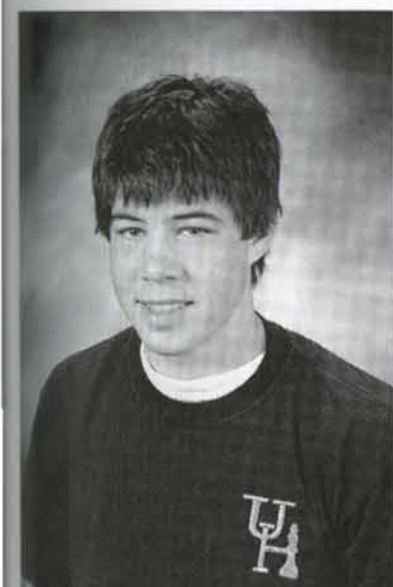
These musically gifted students without a doubt made memories that will last, while at the same time representing U-High very well.

Juniors Elizabeth Ray and Peter Garrett sing at the madrigal dinners. This music style helped prepare Ray and Garrett for all-state music.

Photo by Matt Shrier



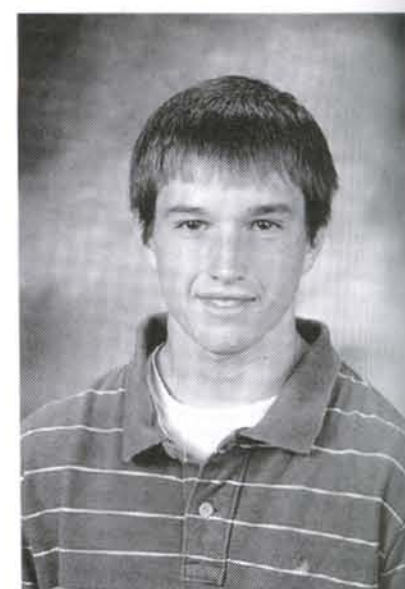
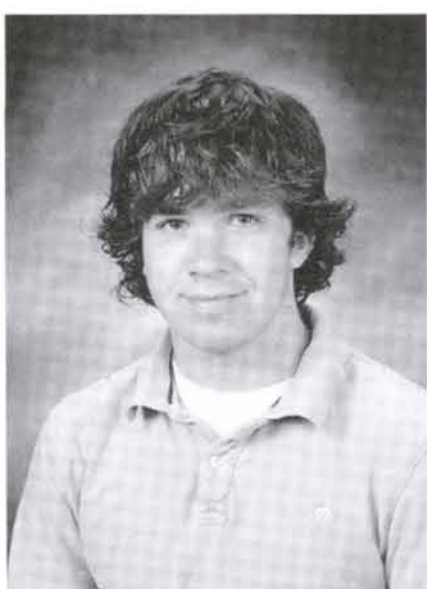
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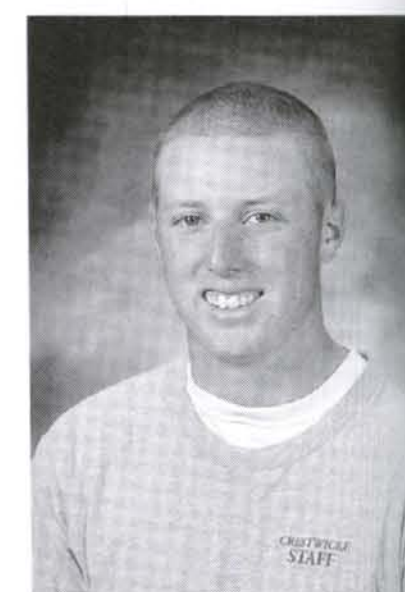
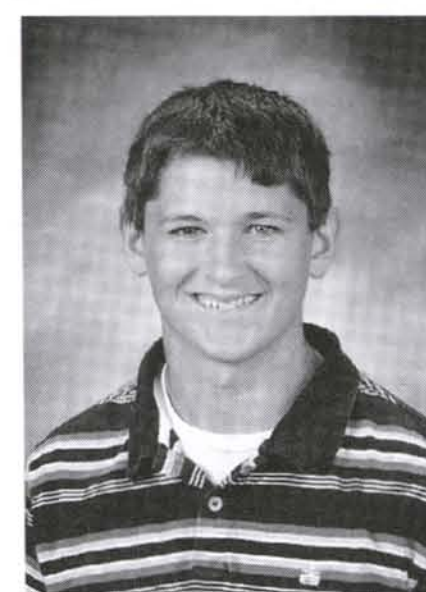
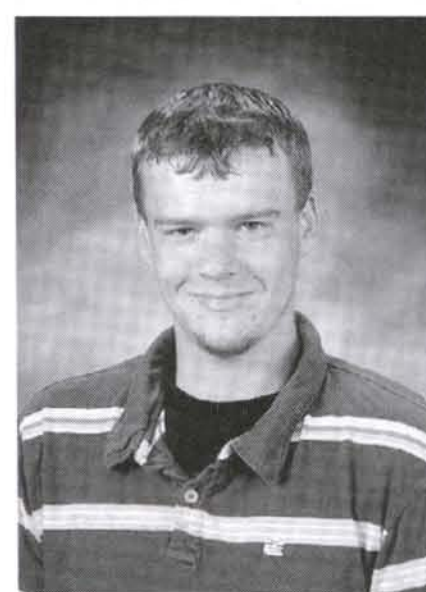
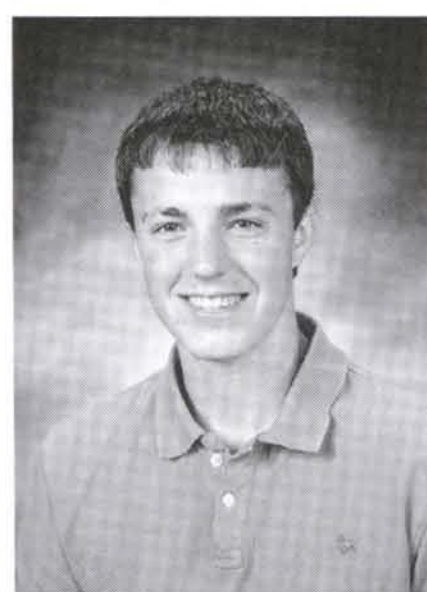
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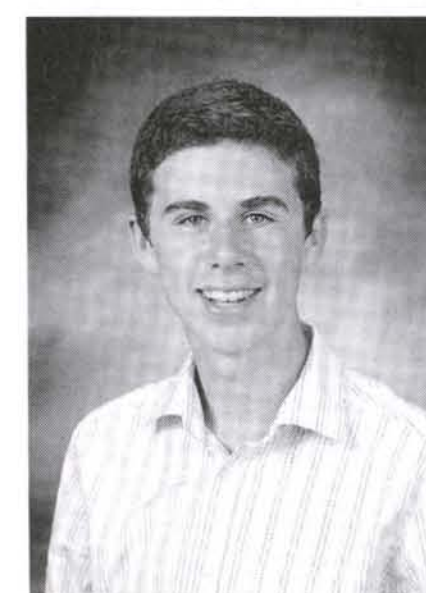
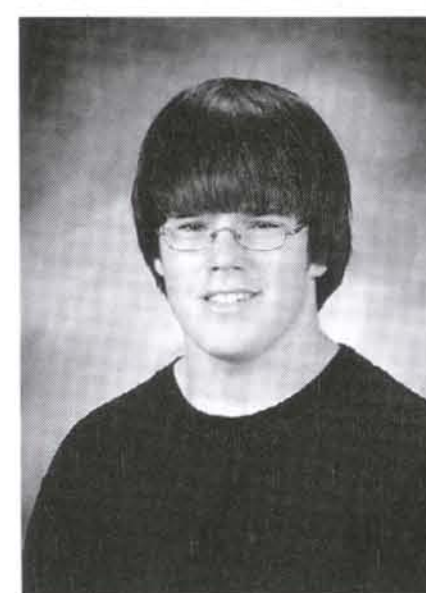
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# Au Revoir America

By: Chelsea Bakaitis

Language was just part of a small adjustment James Potter's French students had to make when they first entered France.

On the Thurs. before spring break, they boarded a plane to Paris, France, took the TGV (French rail system) to Aix-en-Provence in southern France, and lived in the home of a French family.

"It was weird going to live with a different family in a completely different culture," junior Liz Risius said.

Students stayed for five days, completely immersed in the French culture and language, living with a family.

To ease the cultural transition, a student's host family was chosen through a survey based on interests, gender, and age. In the months before the trip, families and students became more familiar with each other through e-mail.

The families usually have at least one teenager, so U-High students had the opportunity to attend a French

school.

"It was a fun experience to listen to French kids in English class," sophomore Ian Walling said.

Most of the families had at least one member that speaks English.

In Risius's case, she didn't have a hard time talking with the 16-year-old daughter who studied English for eight years, but the mother spoke only French and Arabic.

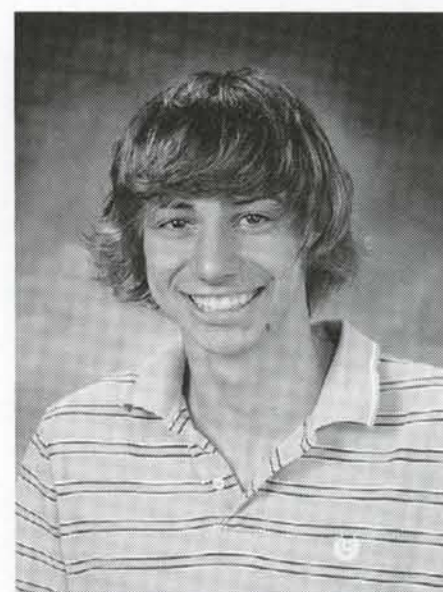
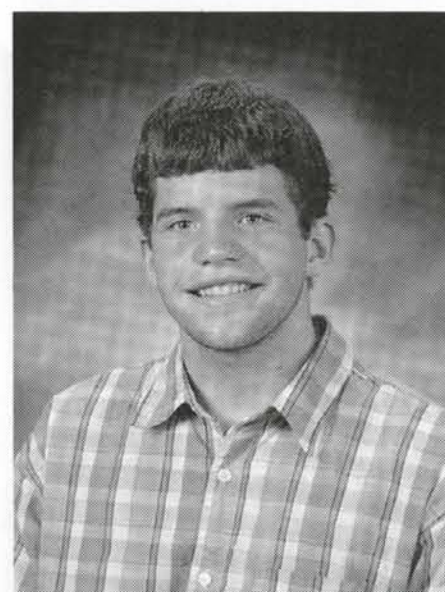
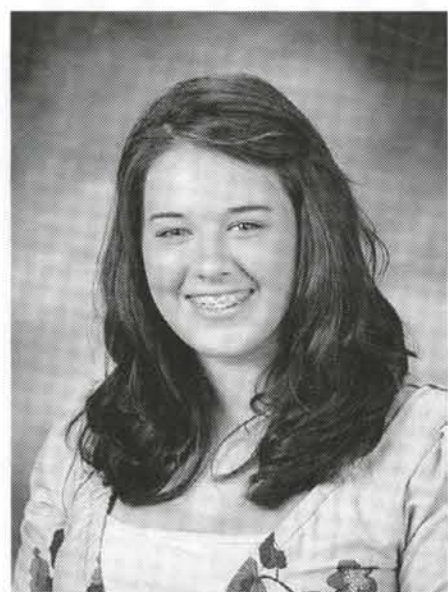
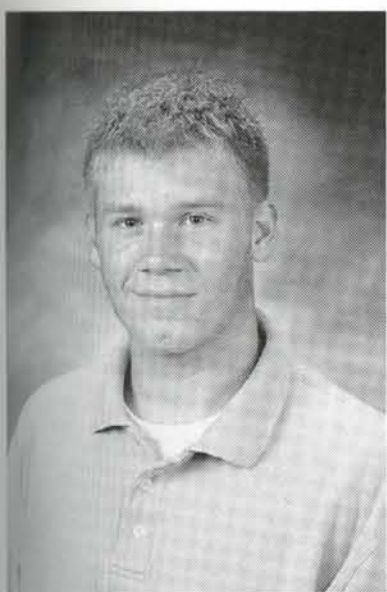
"She [the daughter] is better at English than I am at French," Risius said. "Between her English and my French we were okay."

Besides attending a French school during spring break, around the Aix-en-Provence region there were plenty of sights to see with their French families.

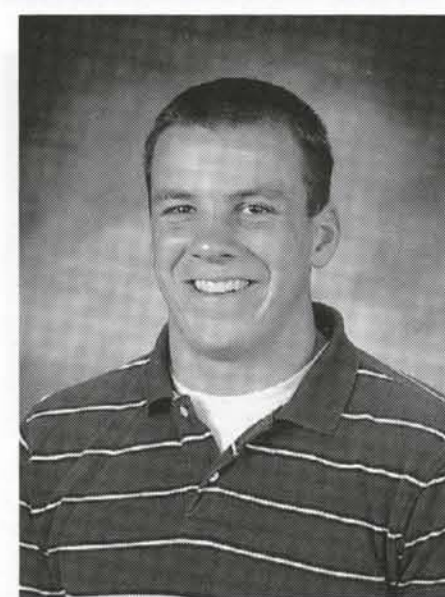
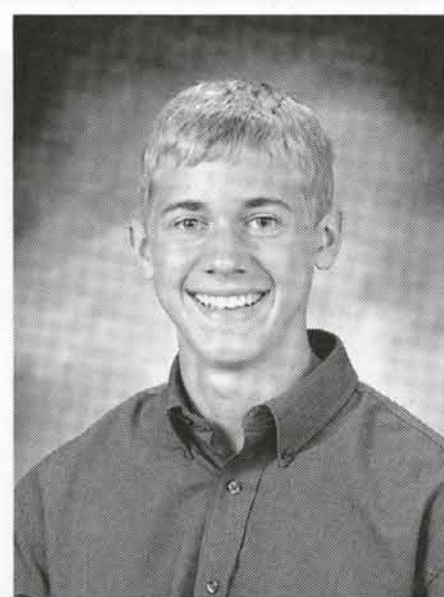
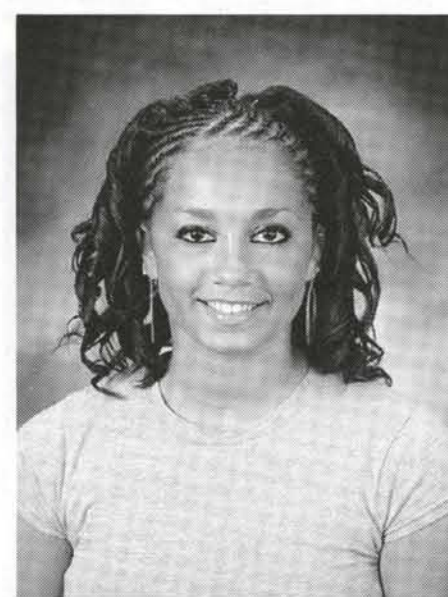
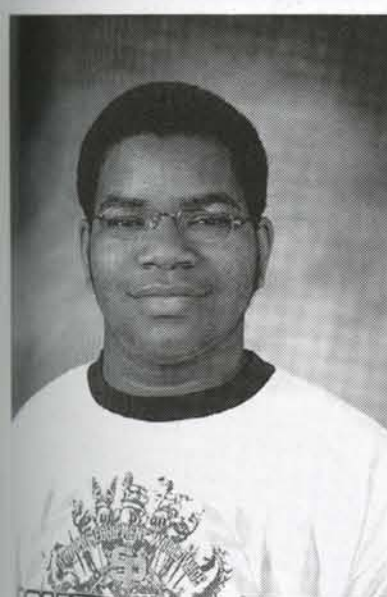
In the rural areas there were mountains and beaches for students to visit with their host families. There were also a few larger cities with museums and shopping.

Five days into the trip, students met up and spent the last four days of their trip sight-seeing in Paris.

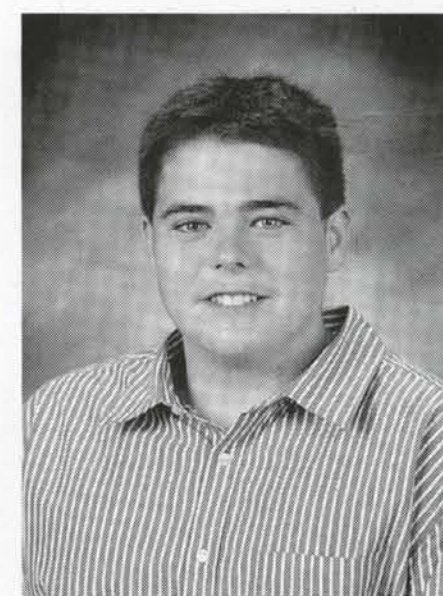
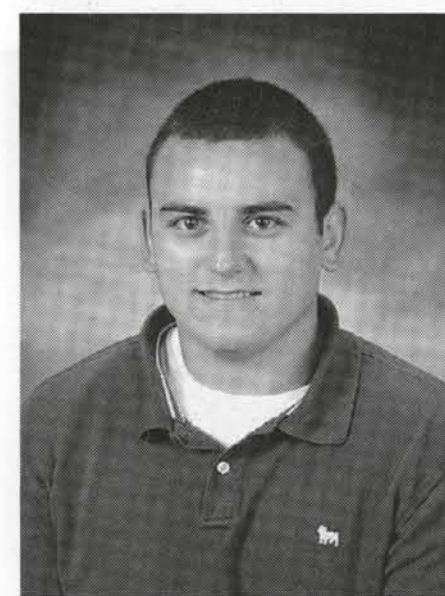
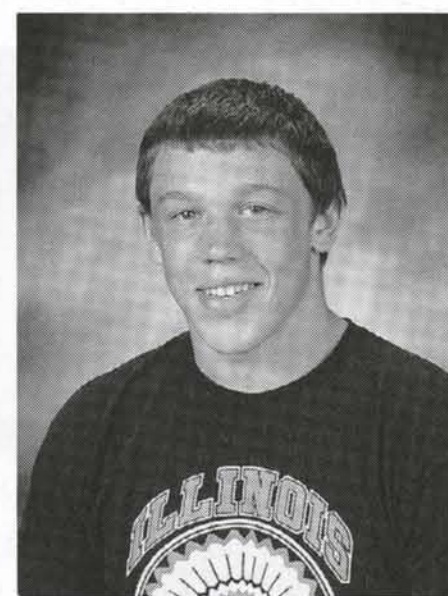
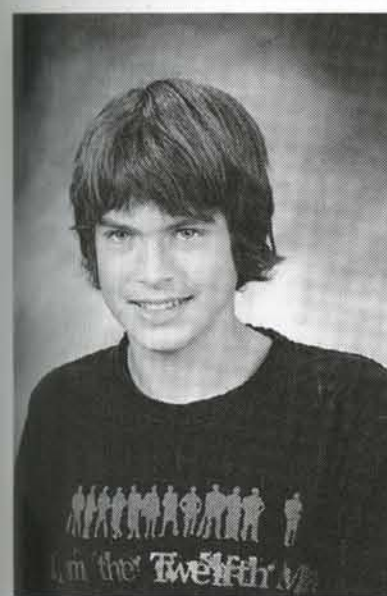




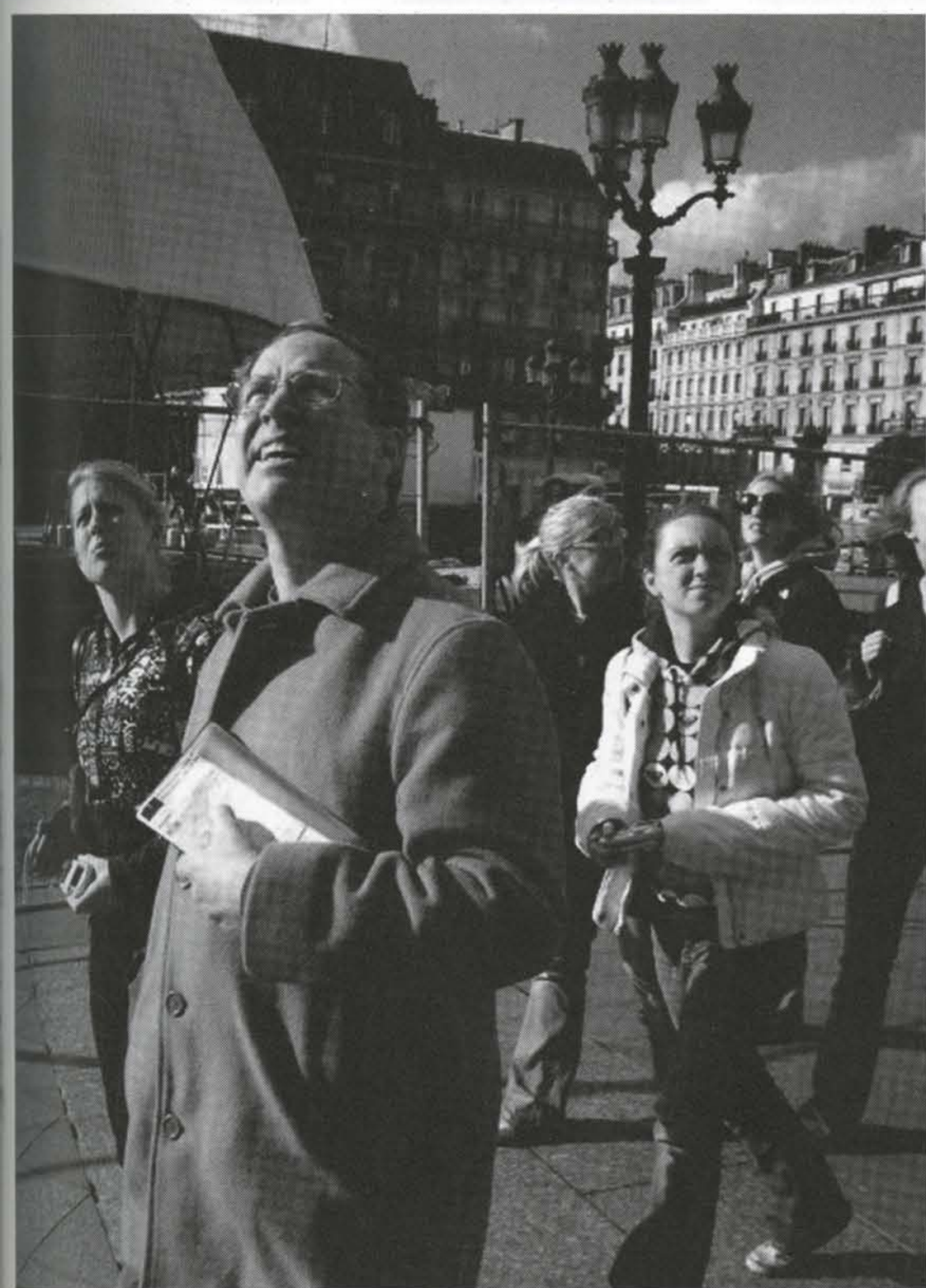
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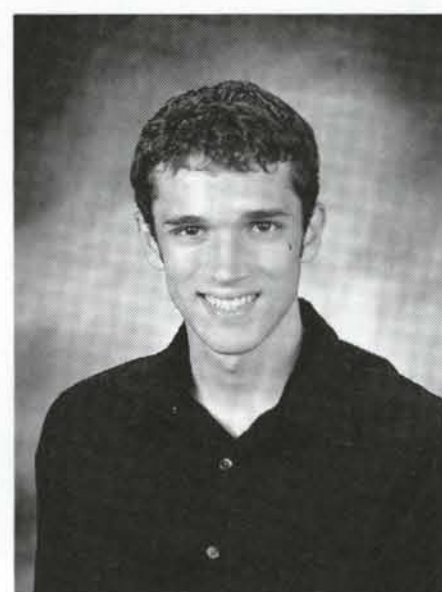


Far left: French students admire Paris.

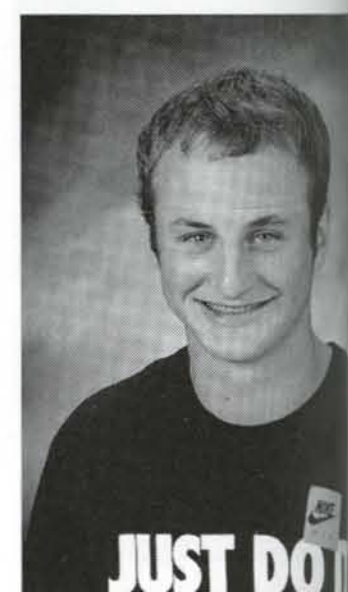
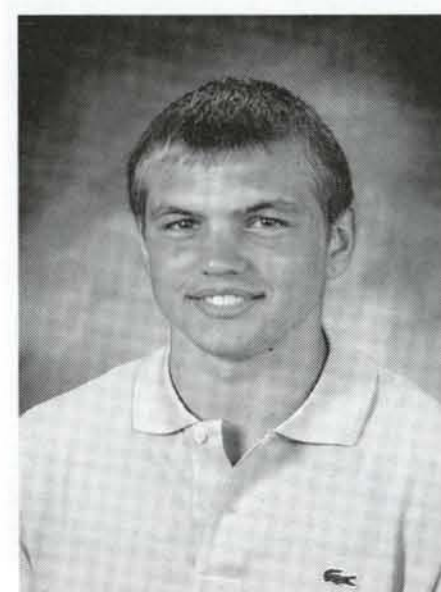
Left: Students eat dinner on top of the Eiffel Tower. Photos by Nick Hutchins.



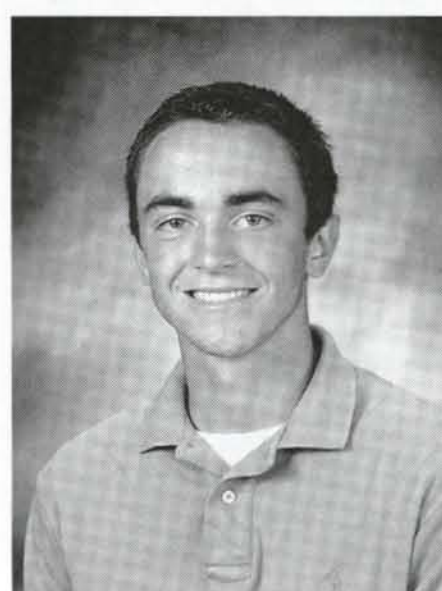
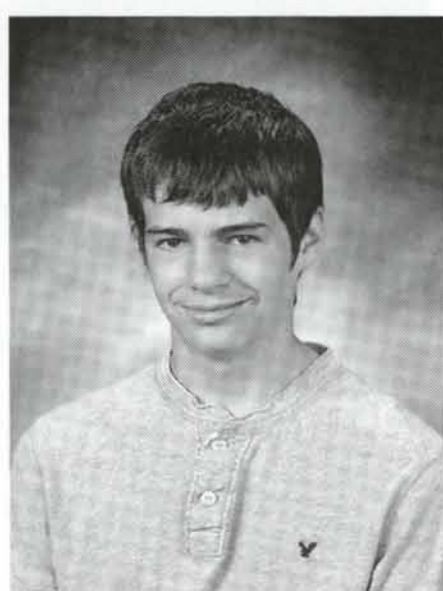
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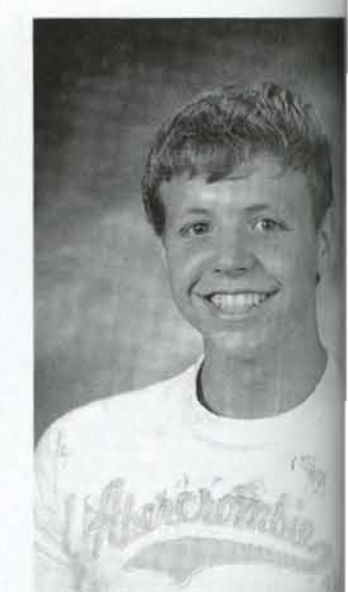
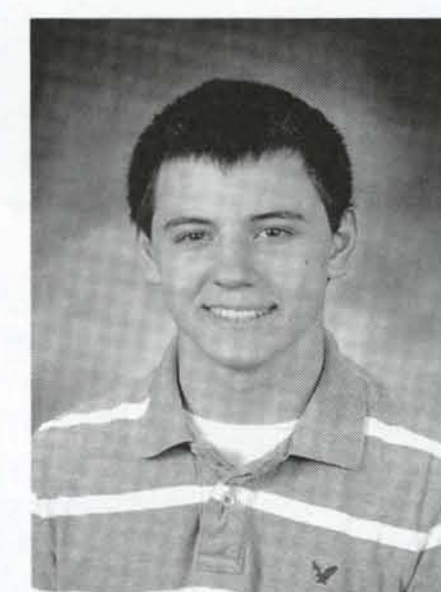
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# Parking Hazard

By: Ali Mueller

Every morning when junior Alex Scharf came to school at 9 a.m., she had a hard time finding a place to park.

"I'm just waiting for the day when I come to school and there are no spots left," Scharf said.

Junior Kieran Pereira said the lack of space was due to the J-Lot being Green, which means ISU students are also allowed to park there.

Pereira was often very frustrated with the ISU students parking in U-High's lot, and said they should build their own.

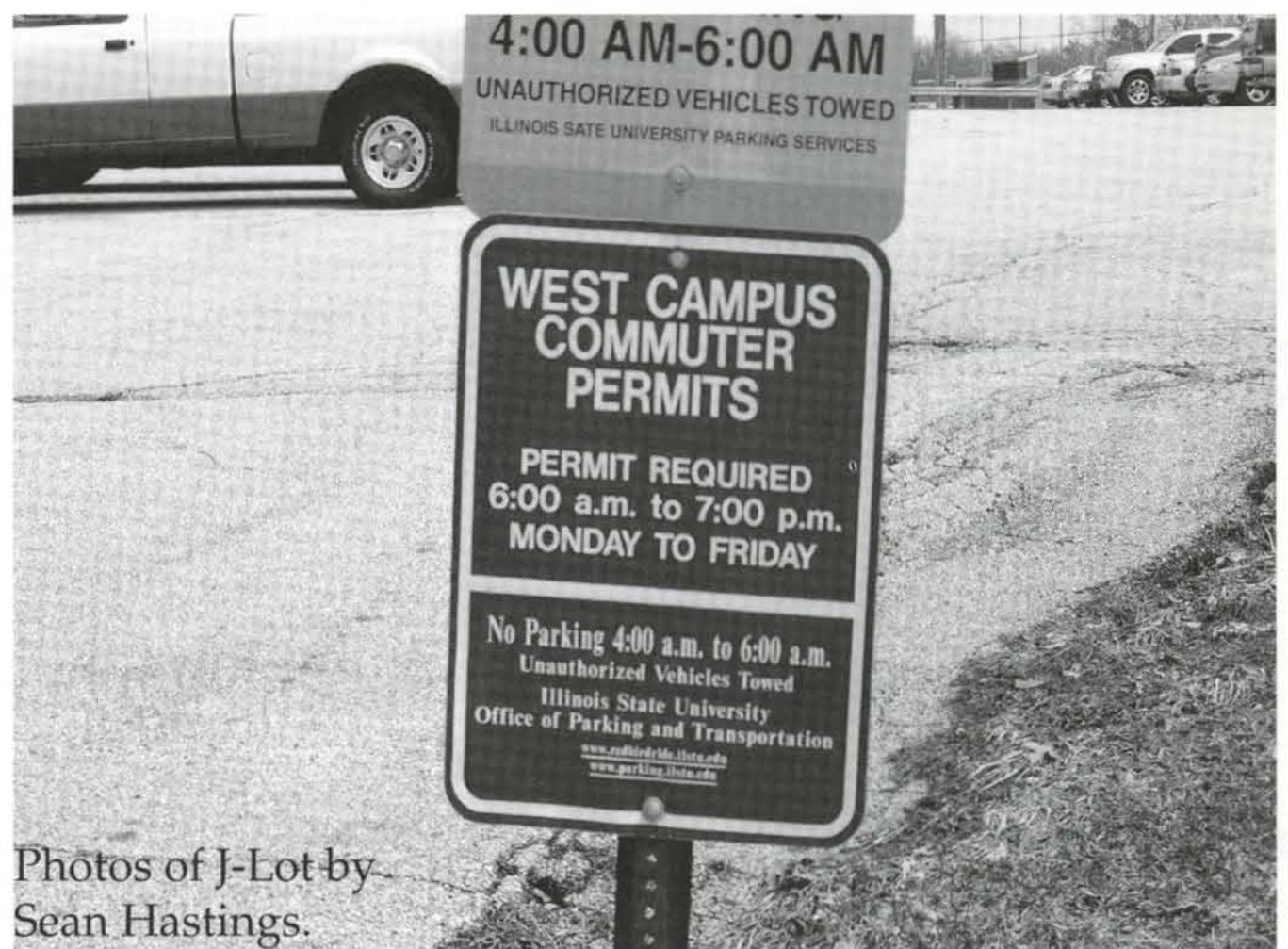
A parking service manager said the lot has always been open to ISU students, but most students were unaware of this.

The manager said that this year more junior passes were sold, but students still put the blame on ISU cars filling up the lot. In reality, U-High just had more students parking there.

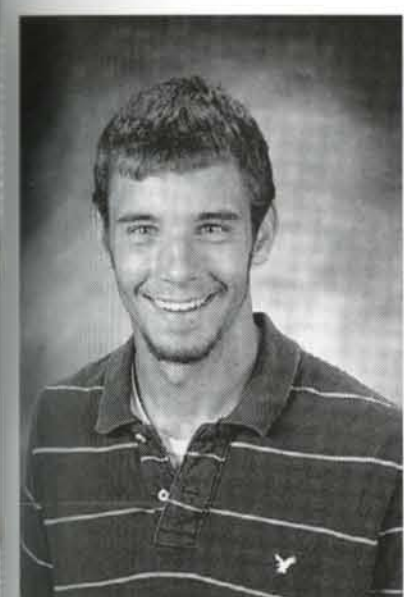
Junior Kyle English said the sophomores, who are now getting their licenses, are the problem of the crowded lot, and there should be another lot for juniors that is closer to school.

Scharf disagreed.

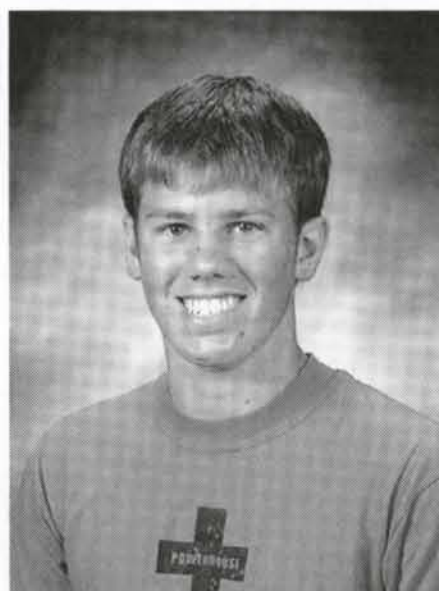
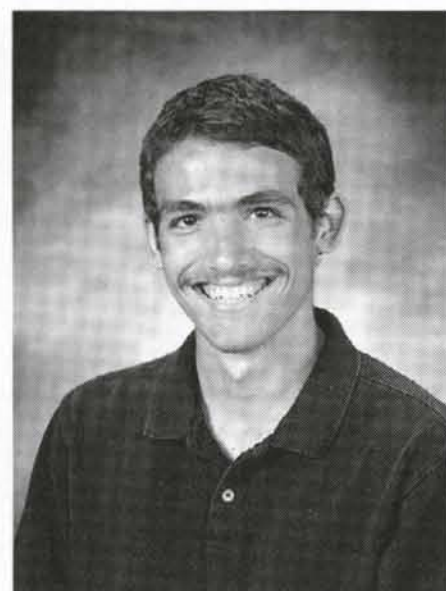
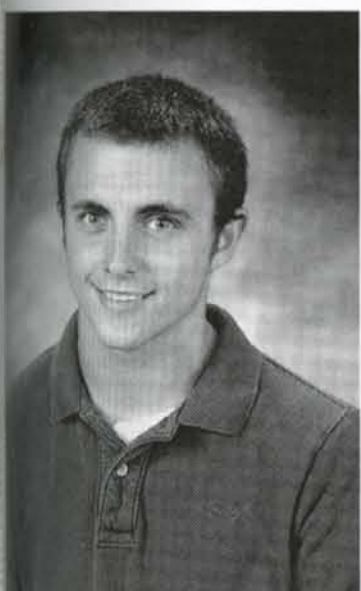
"If a new lot was built closer to school, it would ruin that tradition for future juniors to experience the walk from the J-Lot," she said.



Photos of J-Lot by Sean Hastings.



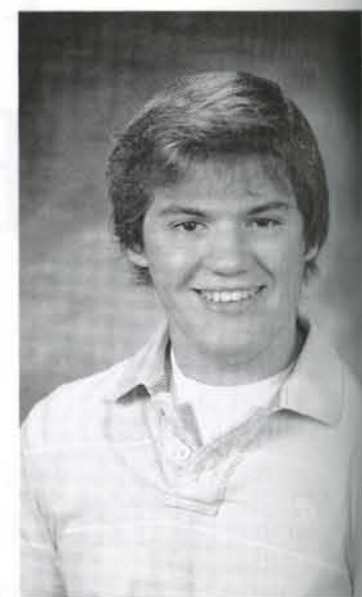
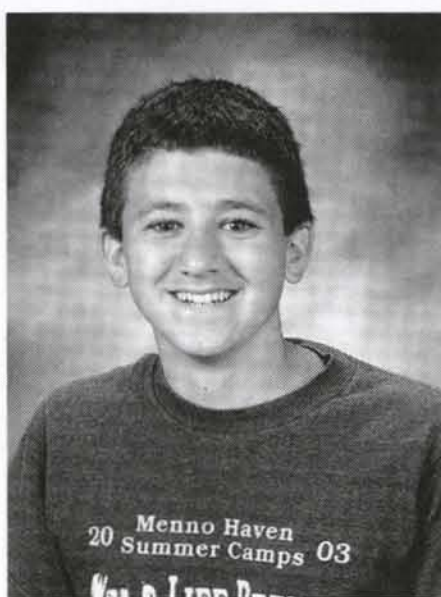
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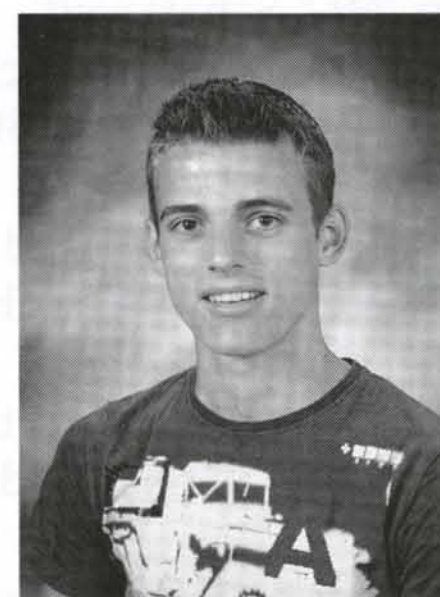
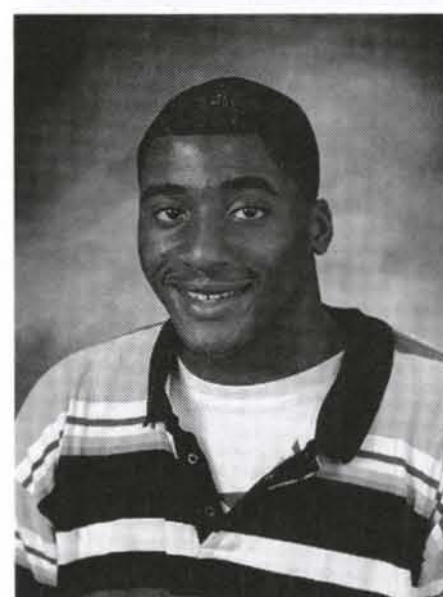
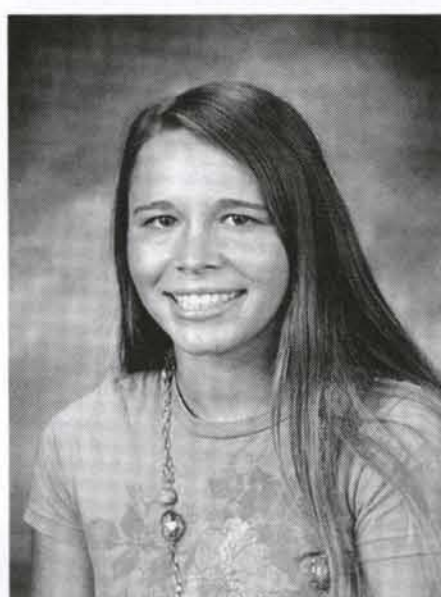
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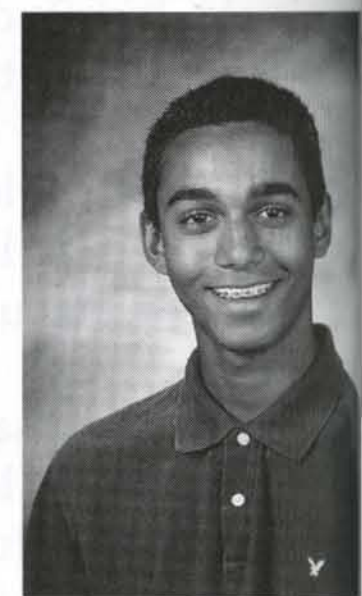
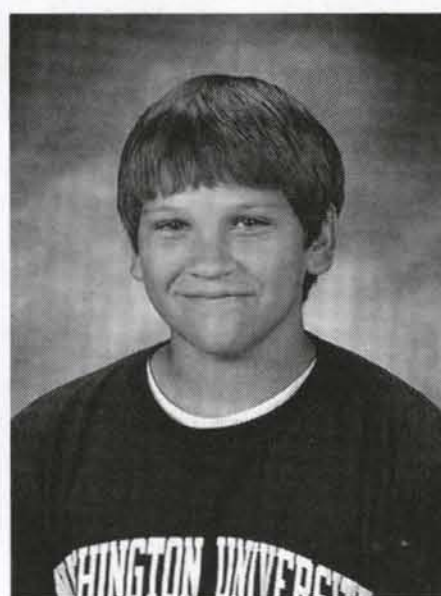
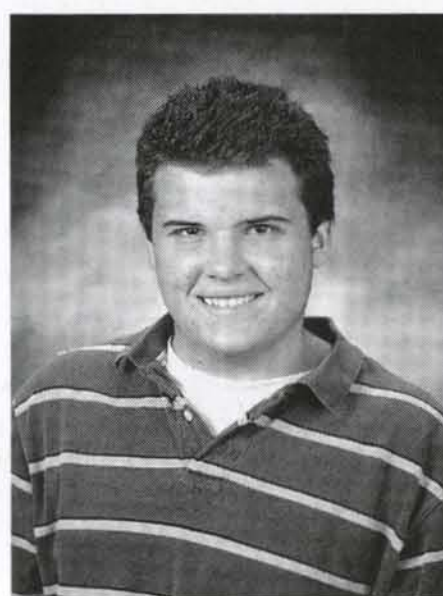
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# SLAKers Bring Change

By: Chelsea Bakaitis

Junior Meredith Maughan stood in front of the young adult fiction shelves at Barnes and Noble carefully deciding on a book. This book would not be for her, but to stock the empty library shelves at U-High.

After renovation last year, the U-High library cleared shelves of old outdated books. To replace them, members of the U-High School Library Advisory Committee, or SLAK, took a trip to Barnes and Nobles.

"We chose books that we read and other students would like," sophomore Blake Reno, vice president of SLAK said.

Each member was given \$75 to choose books that interested them and were good additions to the library.

"I wanted to help the school, the same way it's helped me," SLAK member Max Renner said. "The school needs new books."

Since the beginning of the year, SLAK has added 150 books, mainly fiction, to the library's new collection.

"U-High has a small library. SLAK is about expanding the library and giving everyone more options of books to read," Maughan, president of SLAK said. "We want to find ways to promote reading."

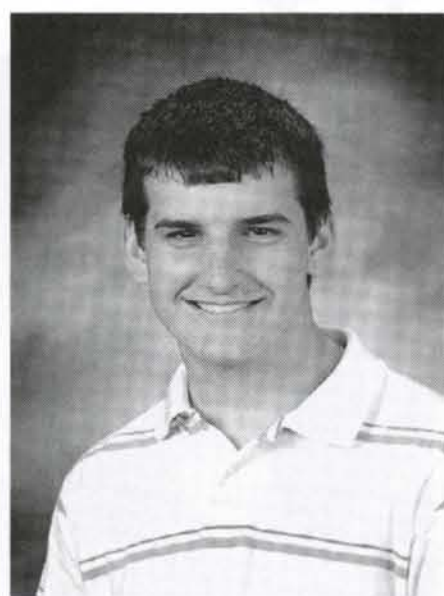
To promote reading is the main reason sponsor and U-High librarian Anita Beaman started SLAK.

"This year we decided to change the name to something more interesting," she said, explaining the original name "Library Club" sounded dull and didn't fit the purpose of the club.

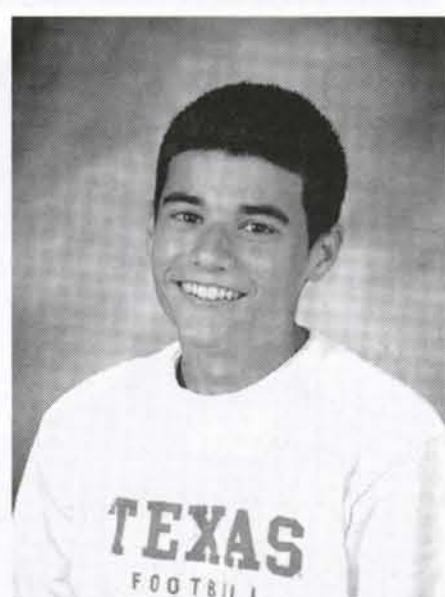
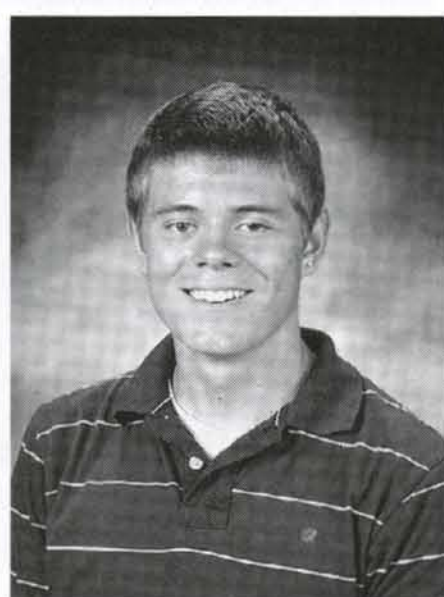
The committee gets together once a week. Some meetings they work on plans for the library, other meetings they talk about a book or watch and discuss a movie.

"We help people get interested in the library," Maughan said.





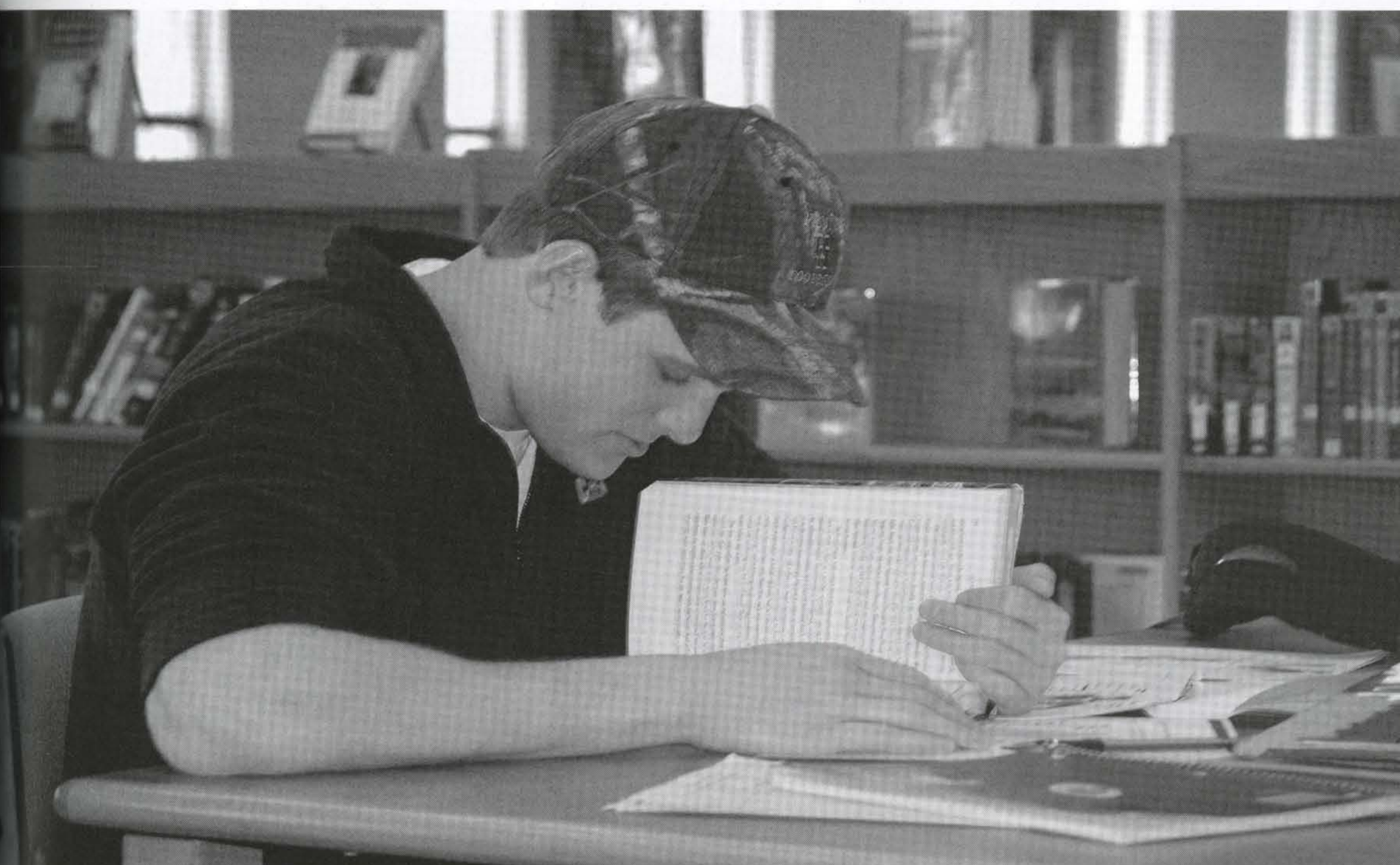
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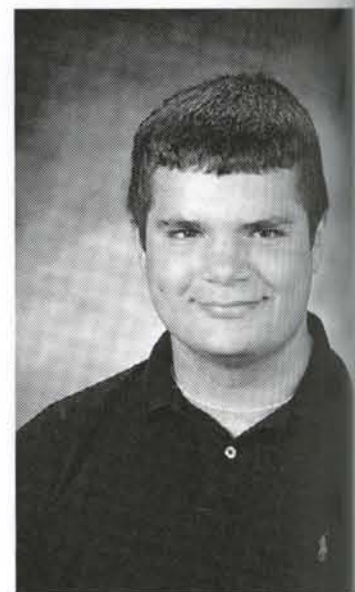
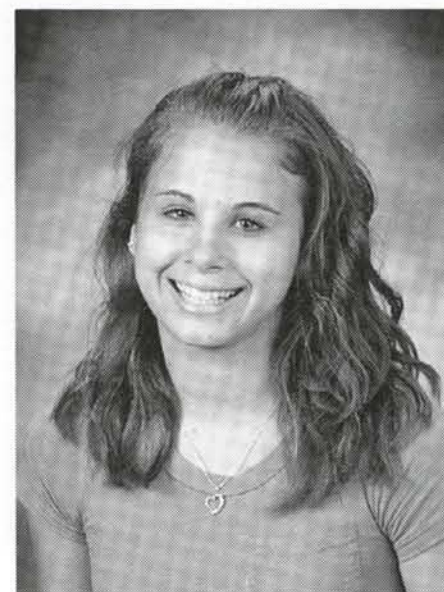
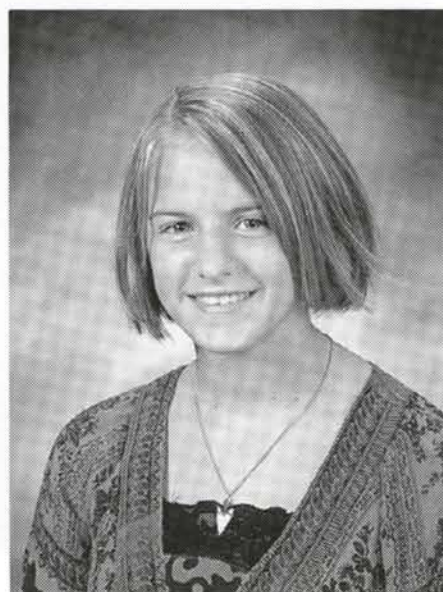
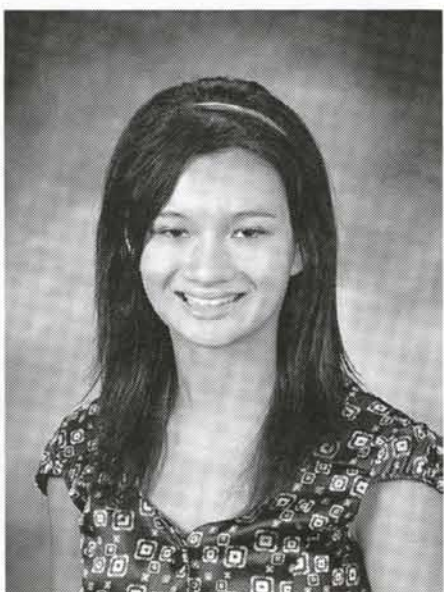
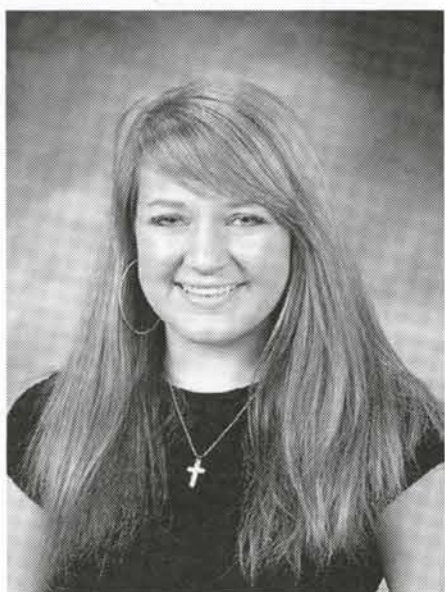
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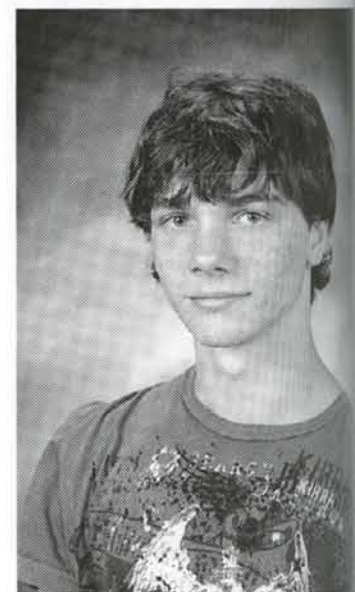
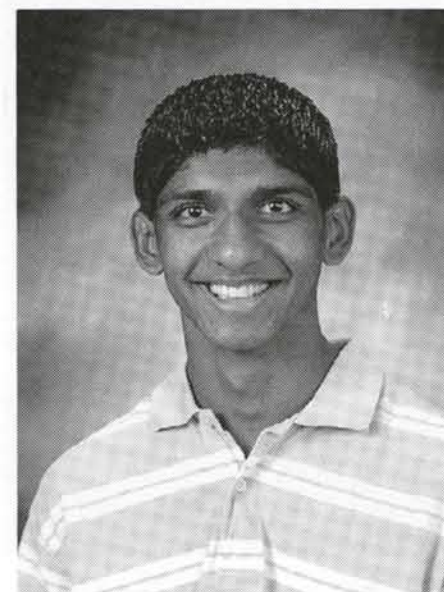
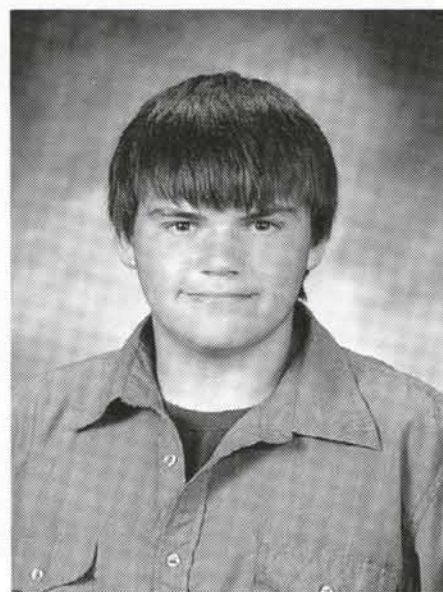
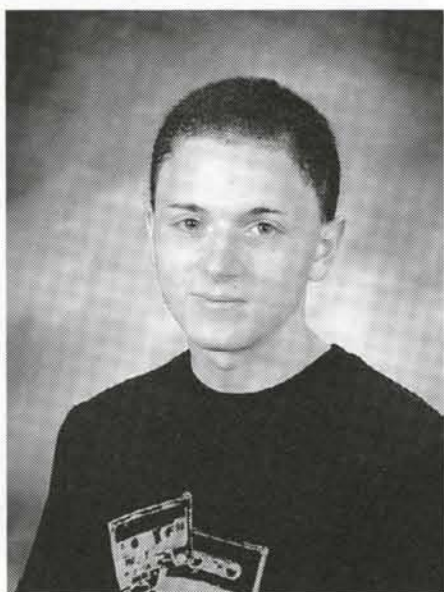
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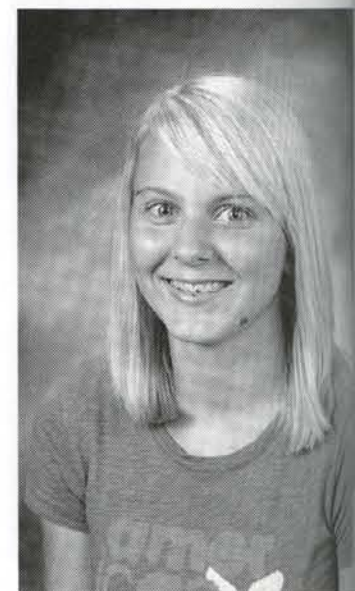
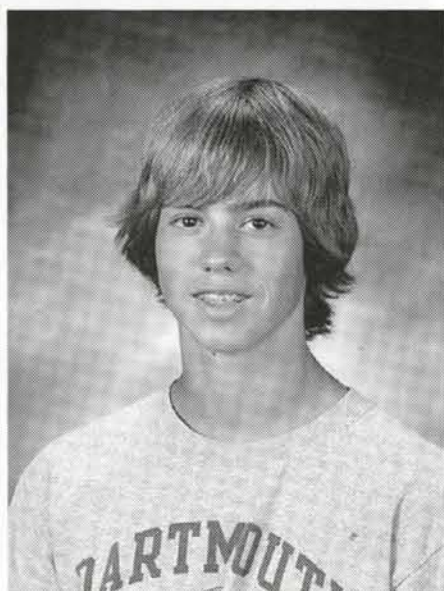
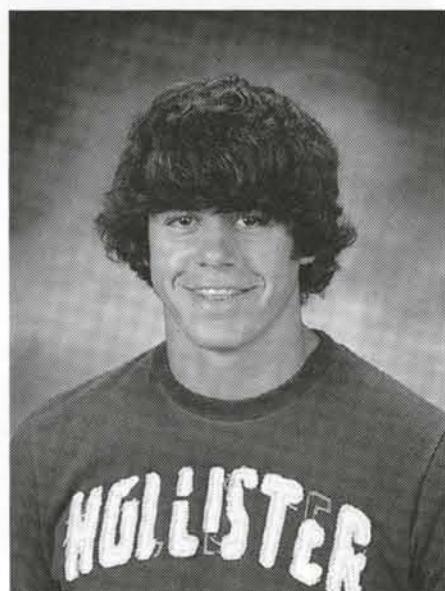
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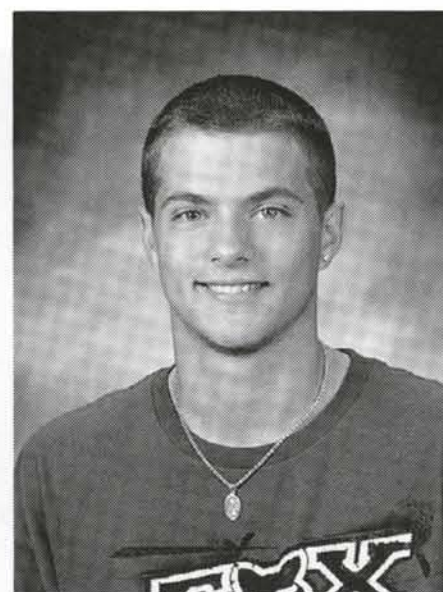
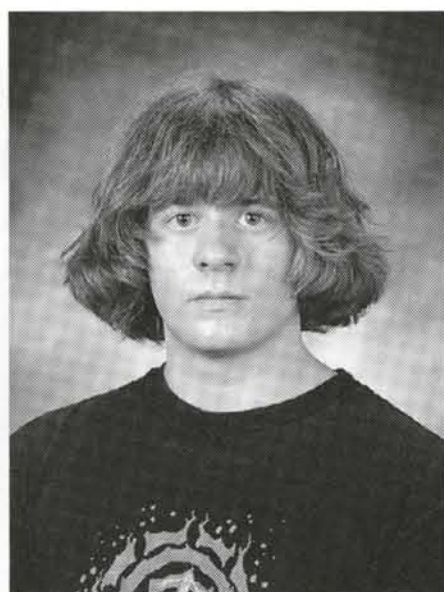
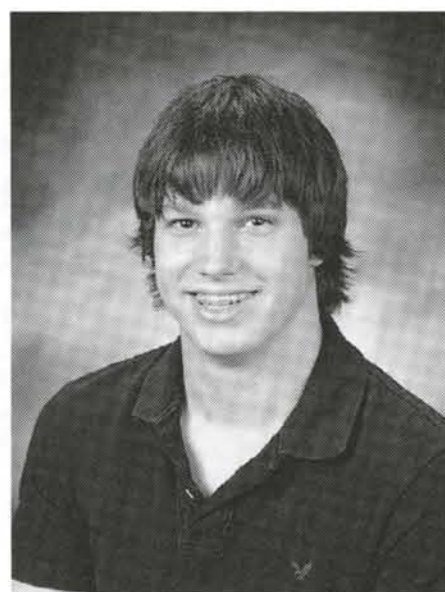
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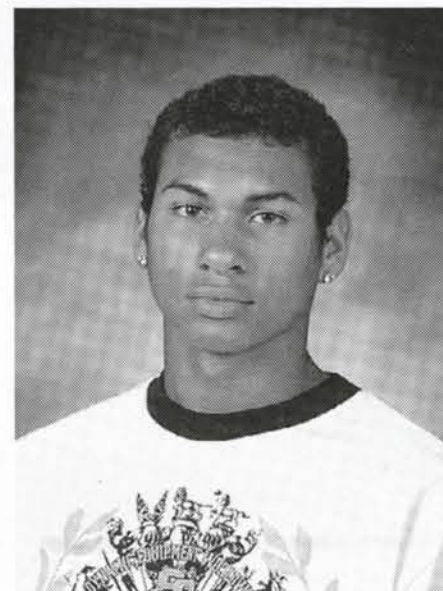
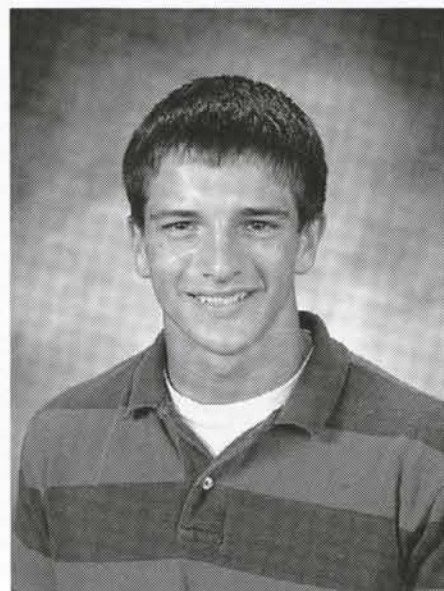
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# Stellar Voices

By: Ali Mueller

Every Friday after school, 12 girls come together to make music without any instruments, any drama, and any outside help.

"It's pretty stress free, and everyone loves to sing so practices are always fun," sophomore Miriam Ball said.

Juniors Maddie André and Jenny Koth formed Stella' A Capella because they wanted to start something new at U-High.

When deciding the perfect candidates for this new club, Koth and André looked for were people who wanted to sing. They had to love it enough to want to work hard and succeed.

"I'm glad I got involved because this extracurricular activity brings me a good opportunity to learn more about music," junior Alex Scharf said.

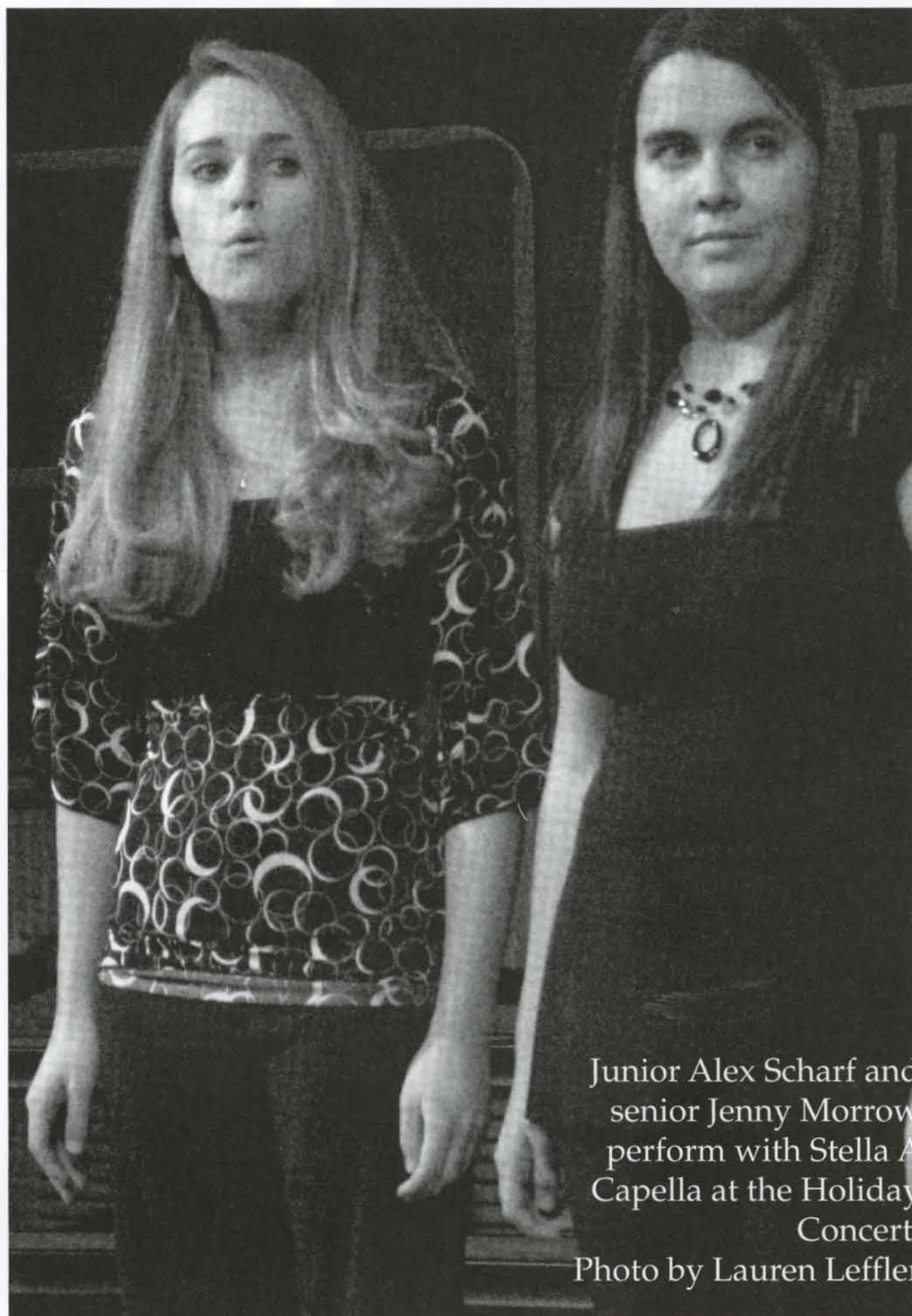
During practices, these dedicated girls break up and work specifically on their sections. Then, they unite to form one large group to sing a cappella before practice is over.

André said the group started off a little shaky, but now it is so cool to see the success and development of everyone's abilities.

"I think we're going to 'wow' the audience with our powerful and amazing voices," junior Katie Zimmerman said.

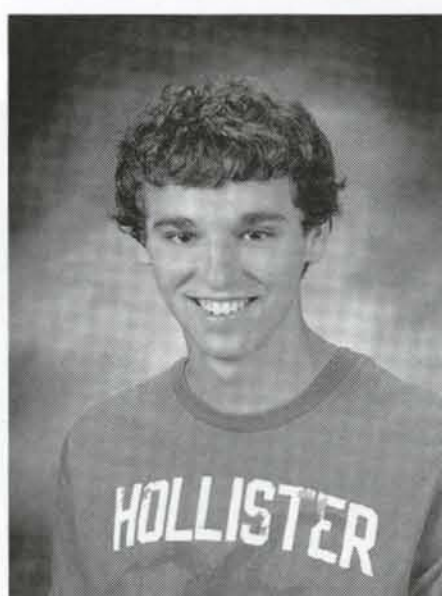
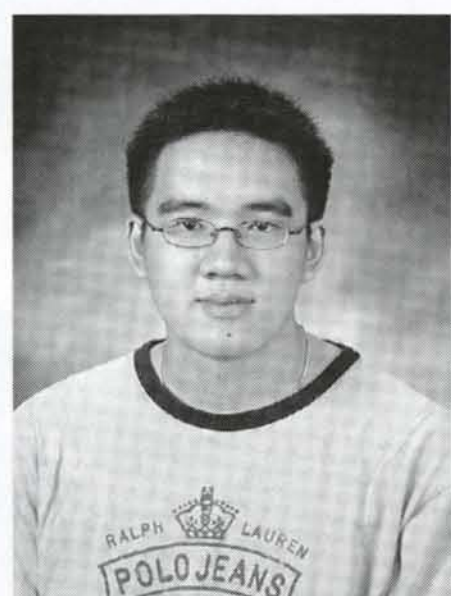
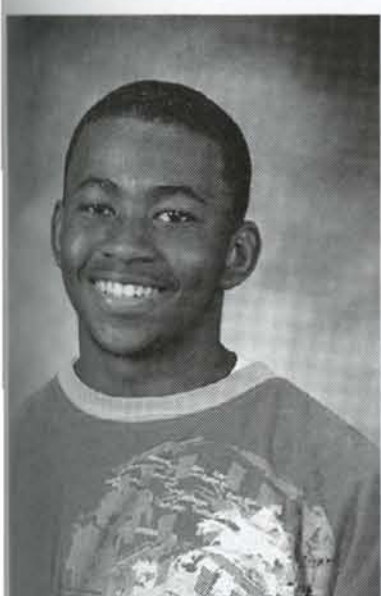
Throughout the year, this a cappella group proved how talented they are.

"In the beginning, singing a cappella was a little stressful and nerve wrecking, but in the end all of our hard work paid off," Zimmerman said.

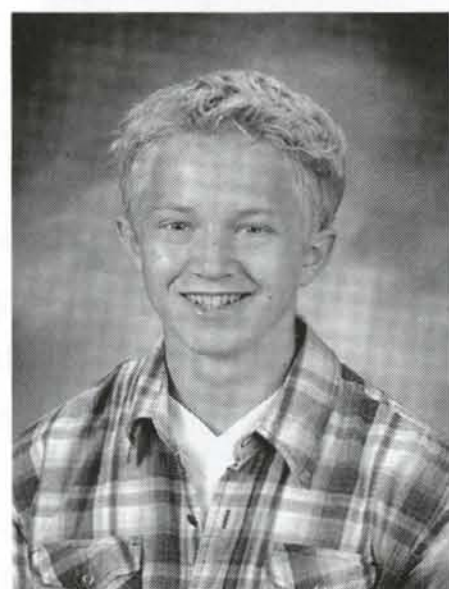
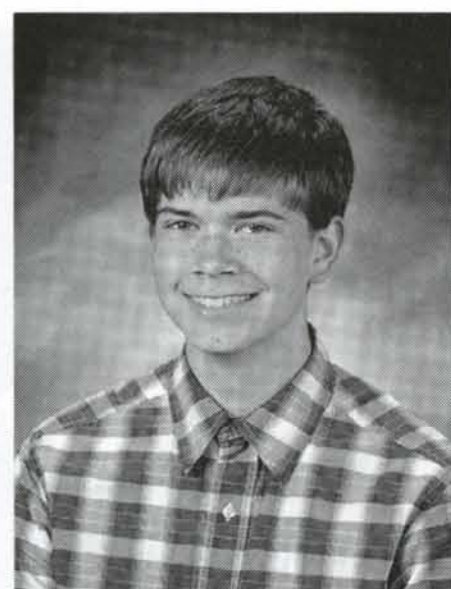


Junior Alex Scharf and senior Jenny Morrow perform with Stella A Capella at the Holiday Concert.

Photo by Lauren Leffler



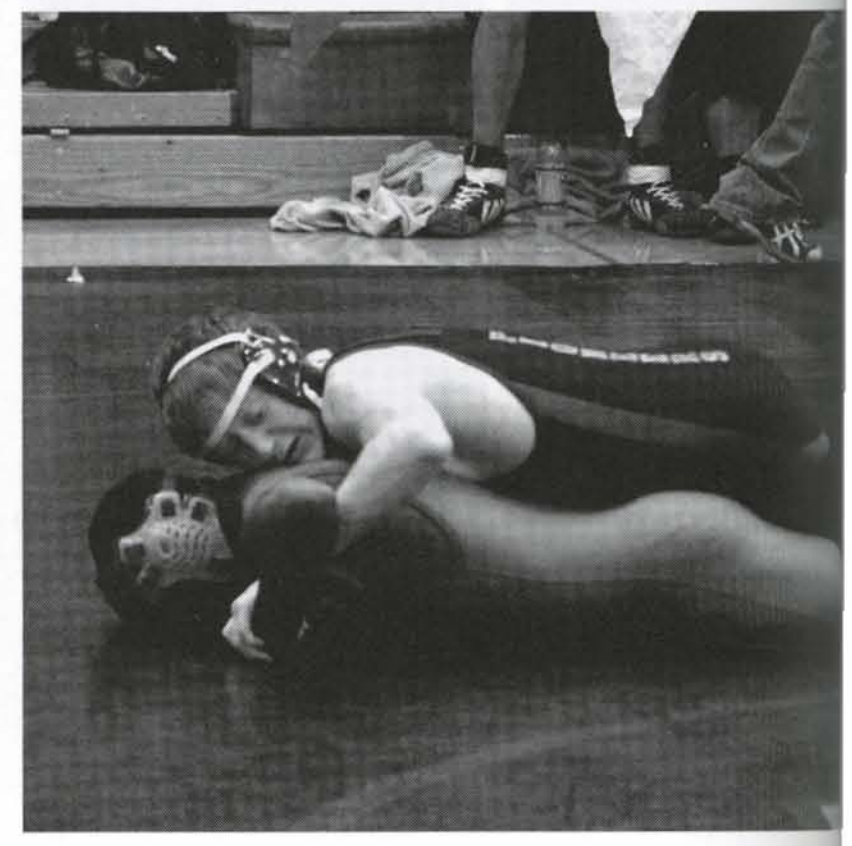
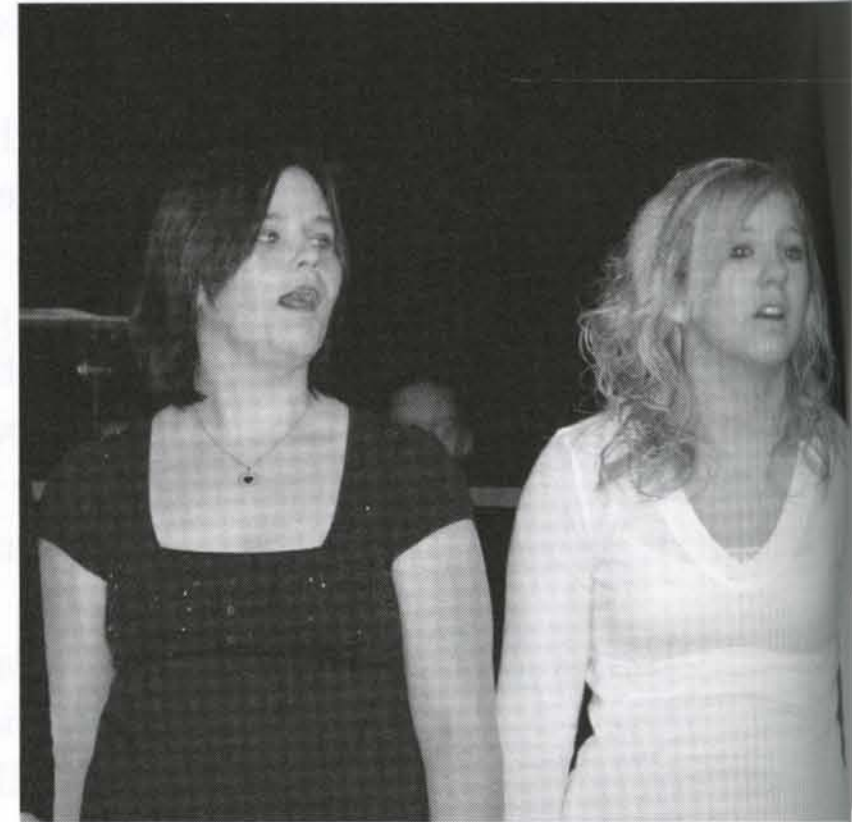
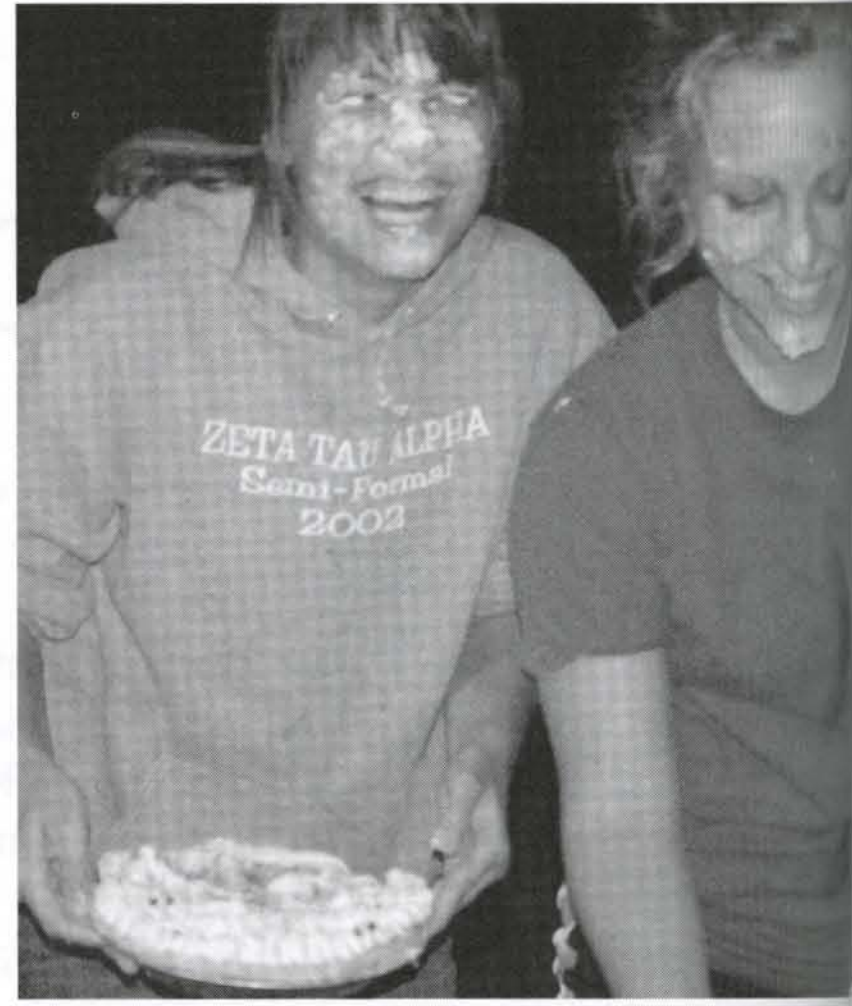
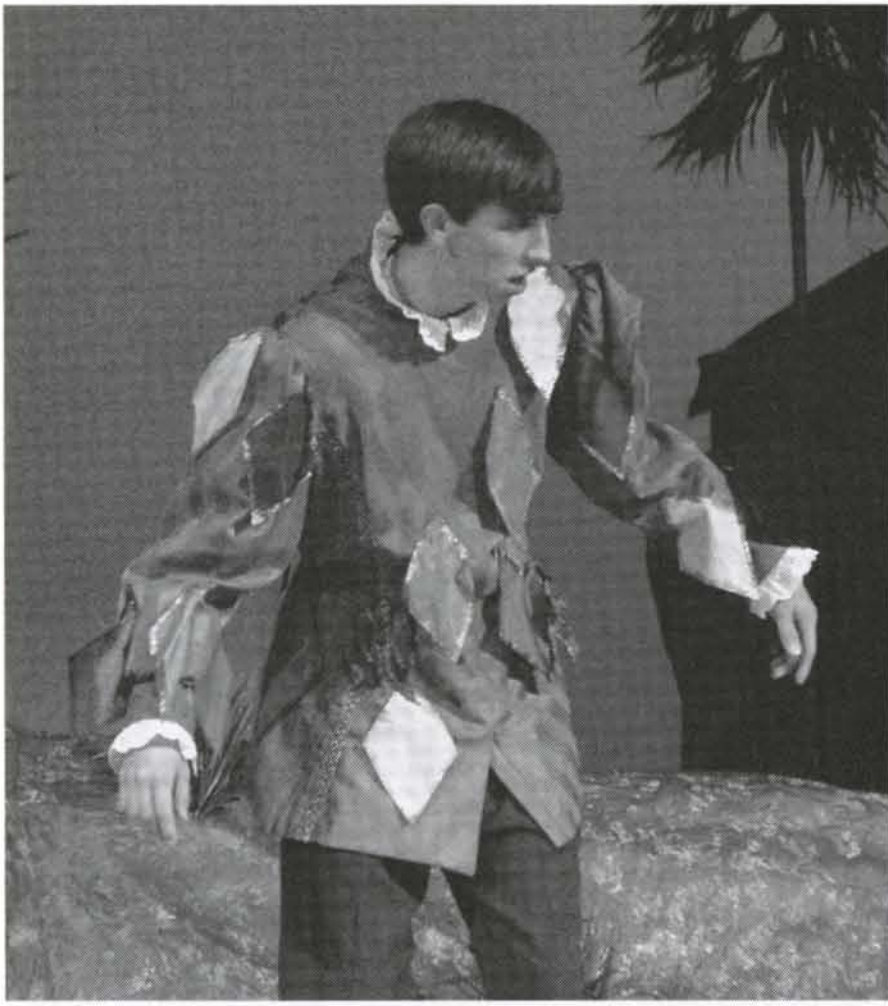
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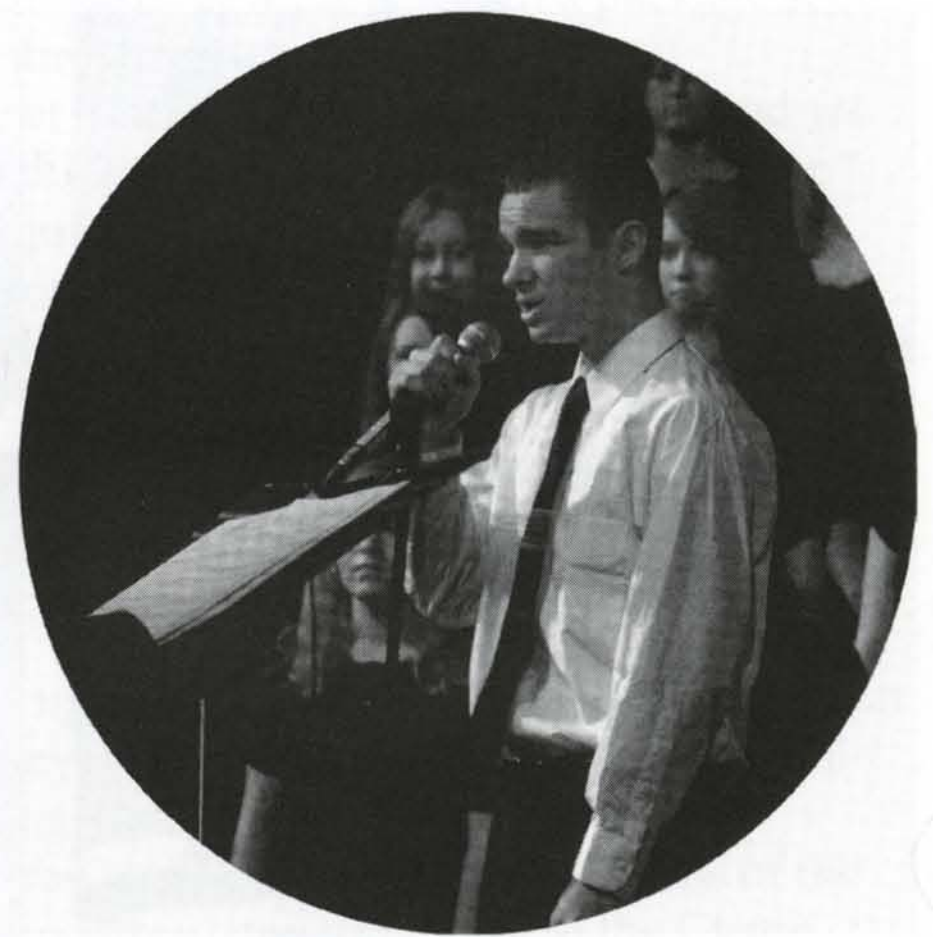
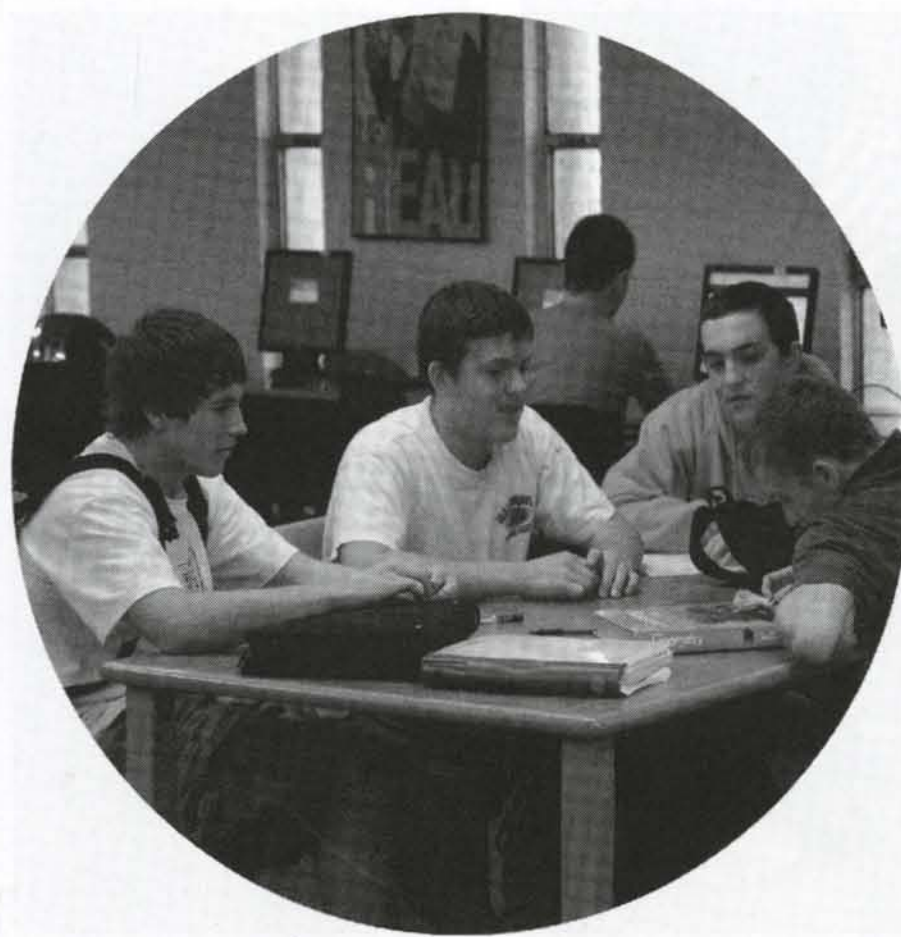
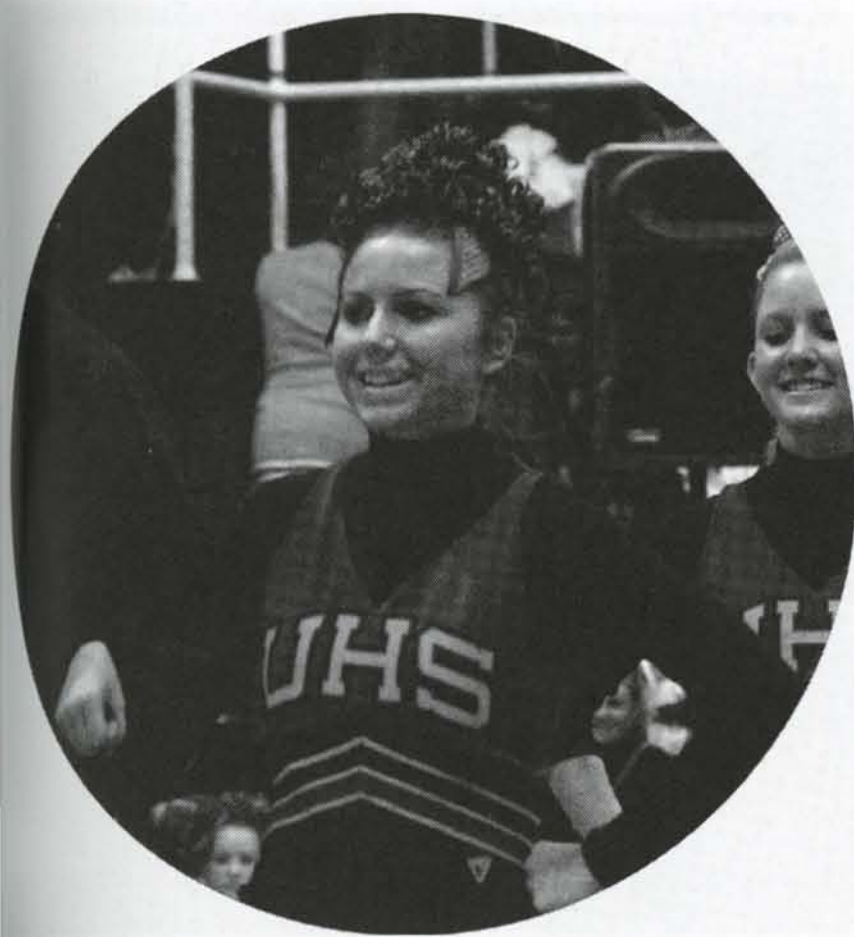
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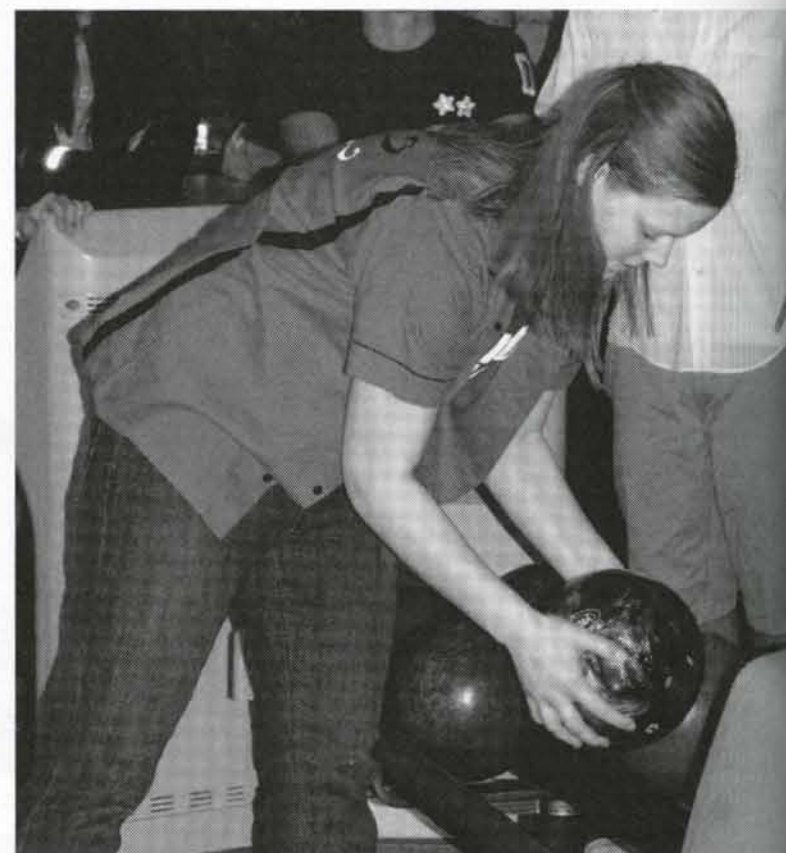
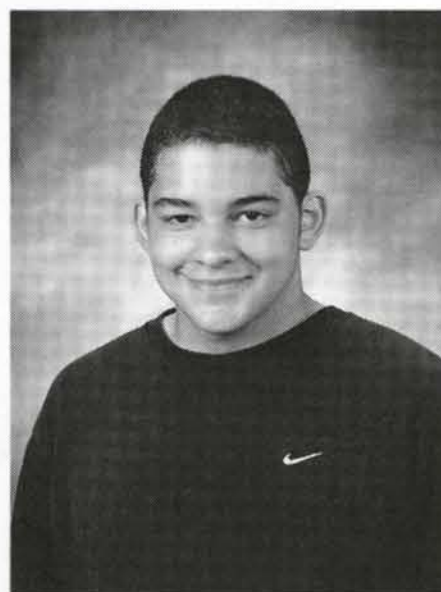
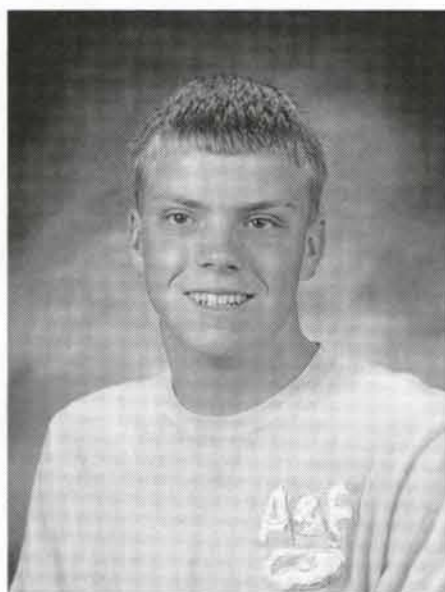
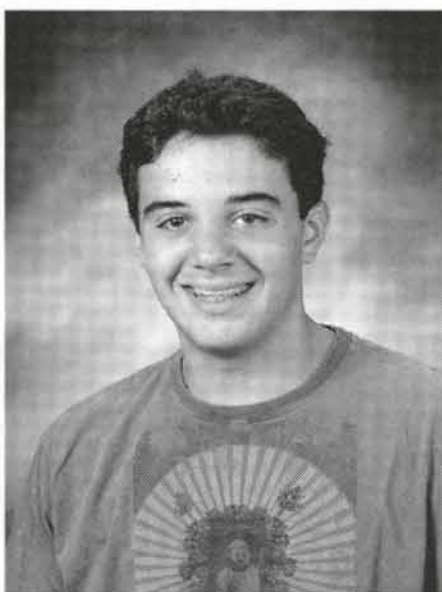
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Sophomore photo collage starting at top left clockwise: Zach McGowan acts in the fall play, Alex Goebel runs in a cross country meet, Maggie Bee and Alexis Namoff participate in the pie eating contest at Powderpuff, Grace Irvin sings in the fall chorus concert, Peter Schiller fights for the ball in a soccer game, Michael Eack pins his opponent, sophomores fight for a victory in the tug-of-war contest at Powderpuff, Kenny Lane shows his anxiety while donating blood.

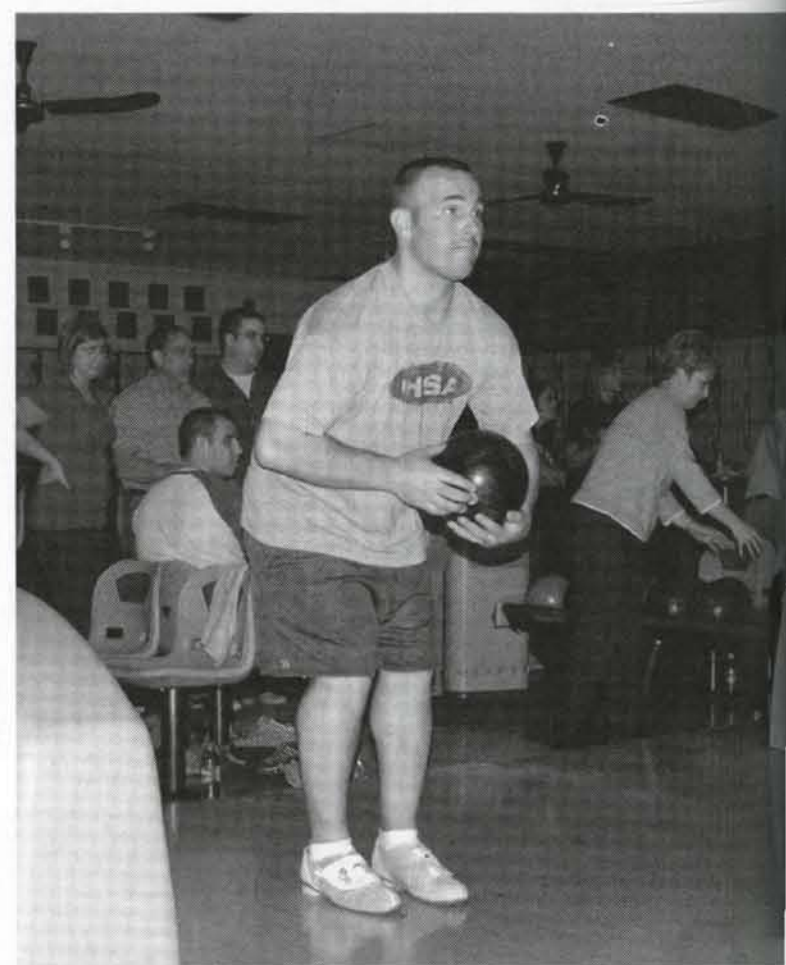
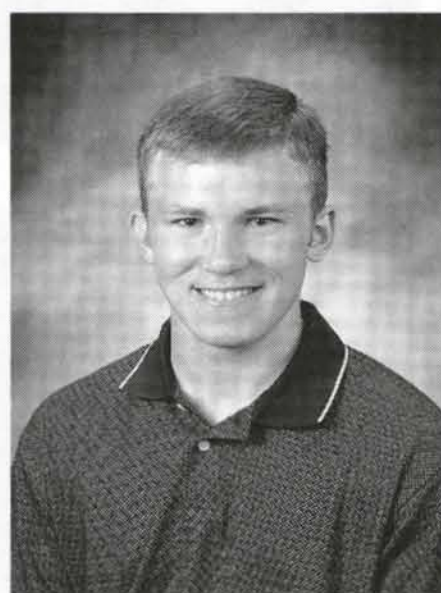
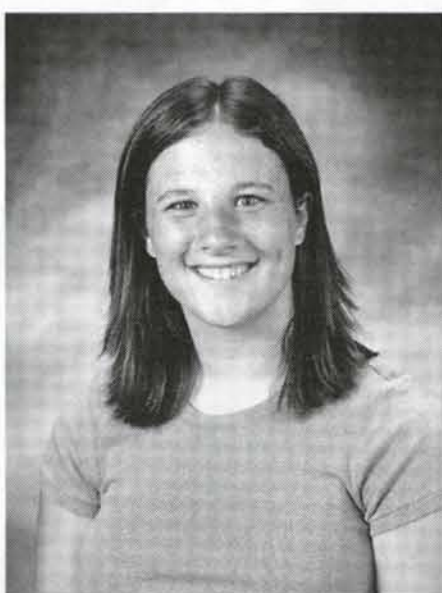
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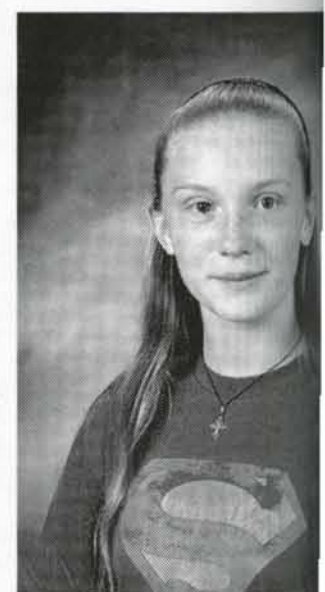
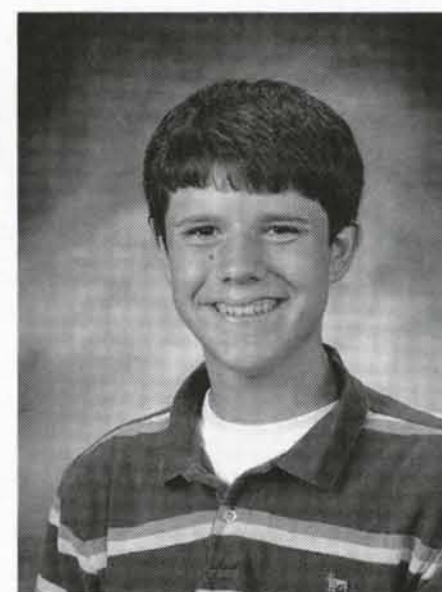
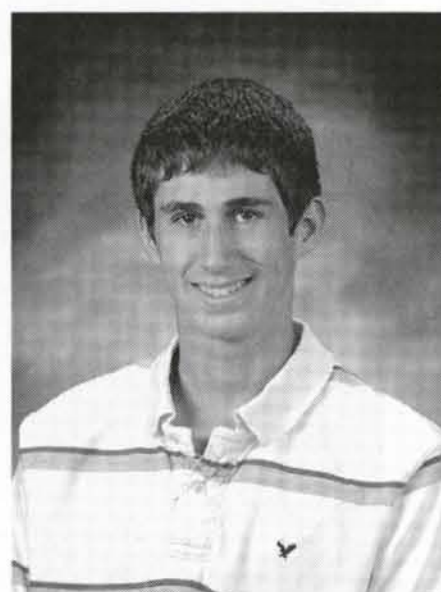
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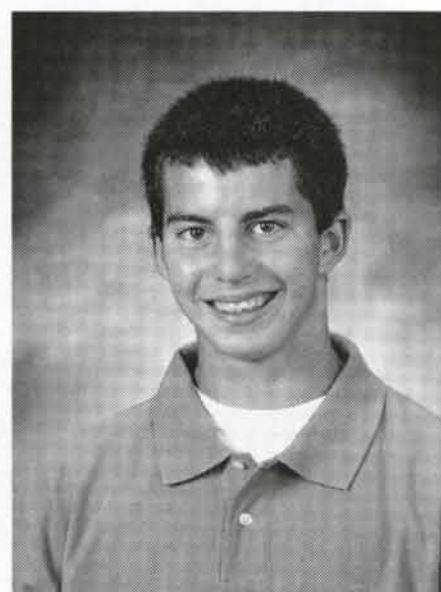
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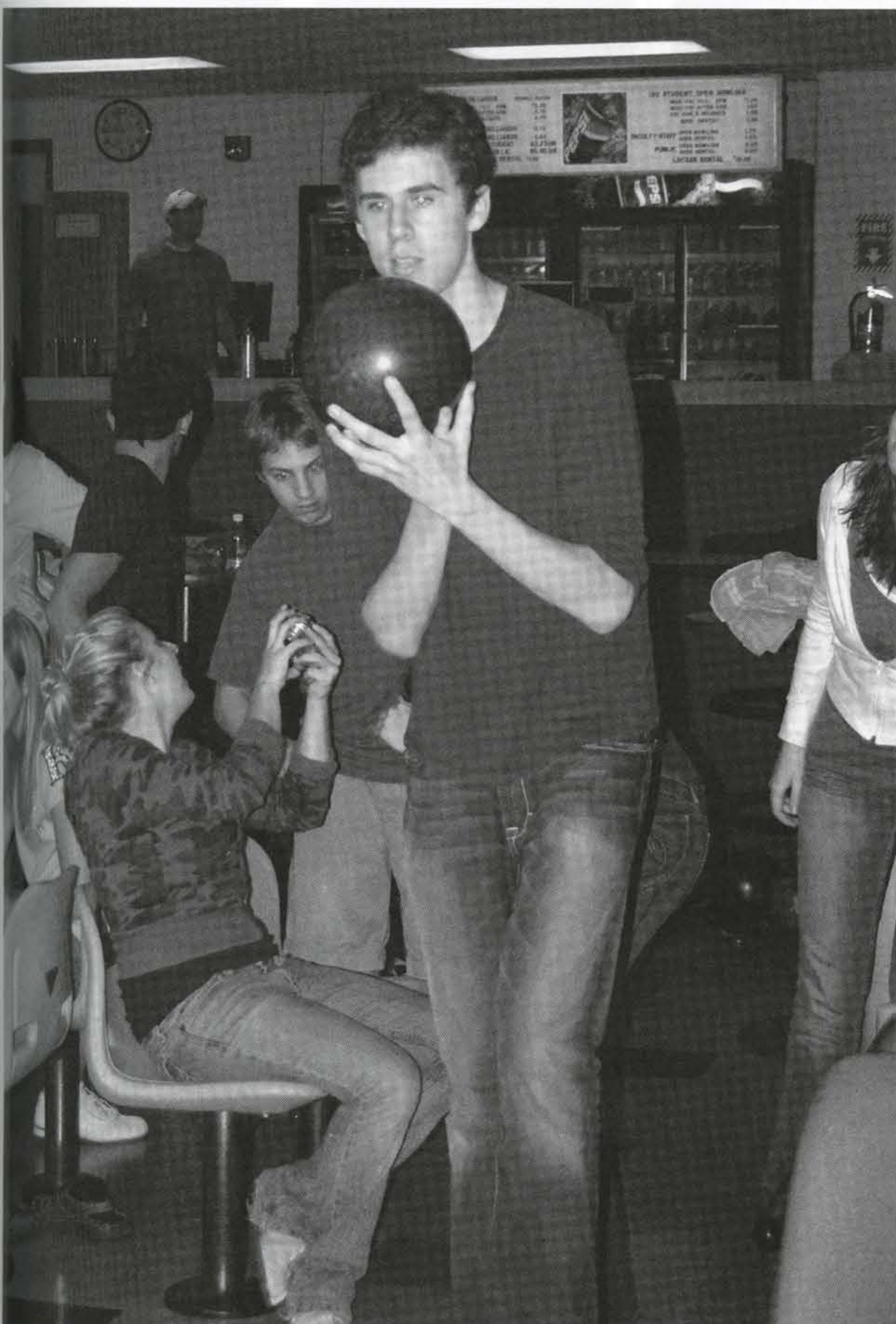
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# A Striking Success

By: Sara Idleman

The sound of balls rolling and pins crashing that filled the Bowling and Billiards Center were sounds of success for the Key Club's very first Bowl-A-Thon.

The idea came to Key Club through a package sent out by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

"We have set fundraisers we do every year and we wanted to do something new and big to end out the year," Key Club treasurer junior Wen Yang said.

Having a Bowl-A-Thon was definitely a new idea, and the club was a little weary of how well it would turn out.

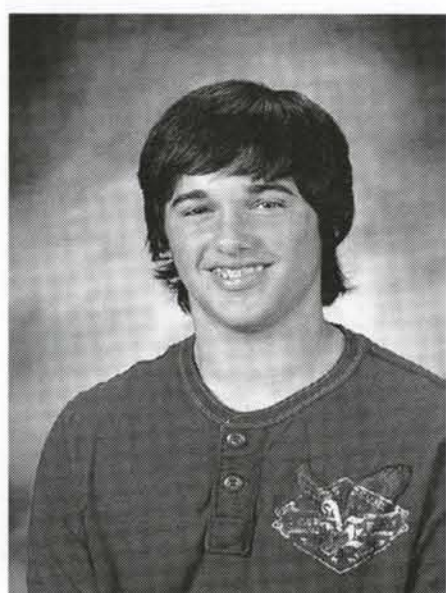
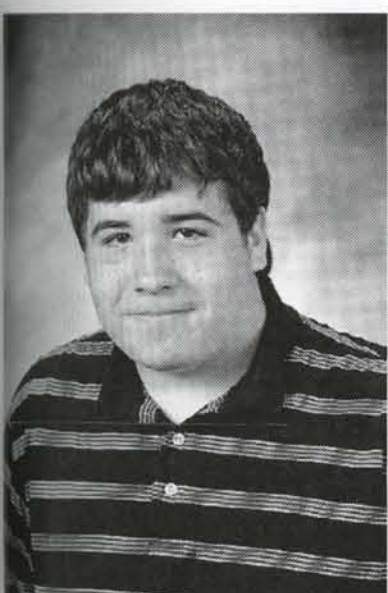
The day before the event, Key Club had only rounded up two teams who were willing to participate. After a quick email sent out to Vice Principal Steve Wilder, the event was widely publicized throughout the faculty and student body.

"We ended up having nine teams total, including an all faculty team," Key Club secretary sophomore Katie Zilligen said. "It was a great last minute gathering."

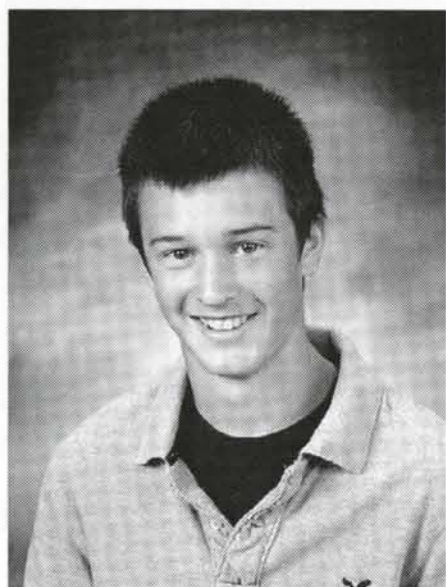
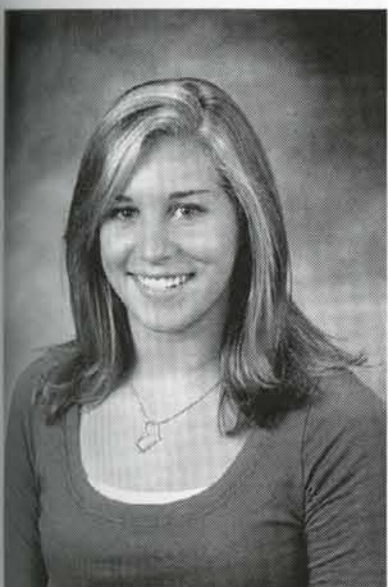
Key Club was very surprised by the success of the Bowl-a-Thon, and ended up donating \$580 to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Zilligen was glad that the event raised as much money as it did.

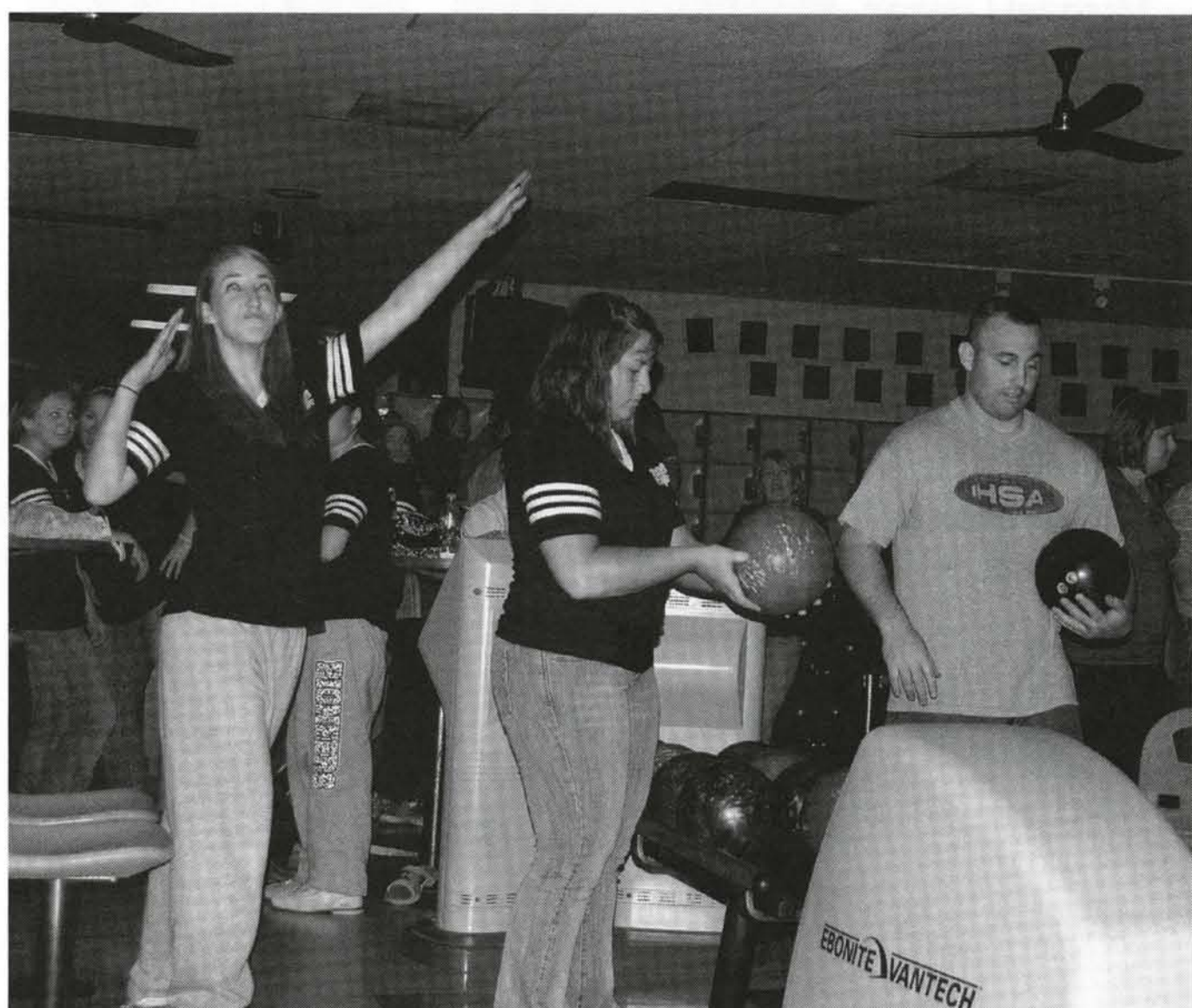
"Our goal was to get U-High as involved as possible in the community, and I think we did," she said.



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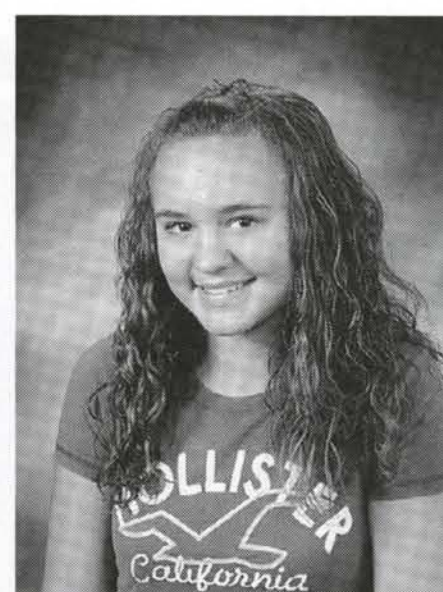
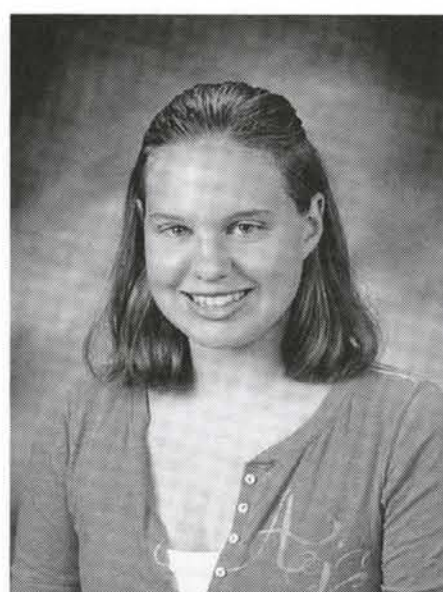
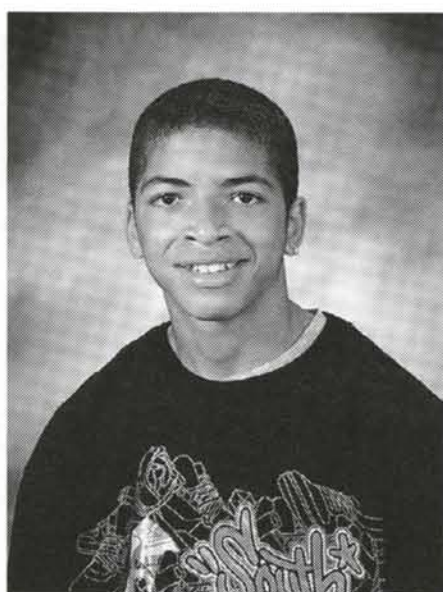


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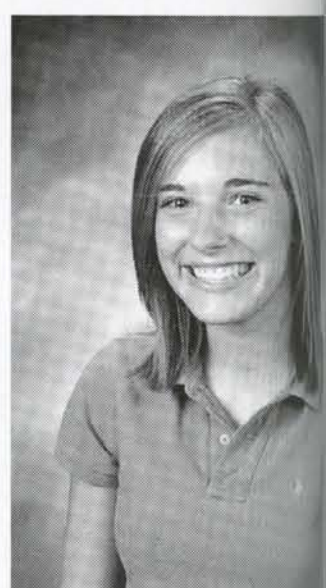
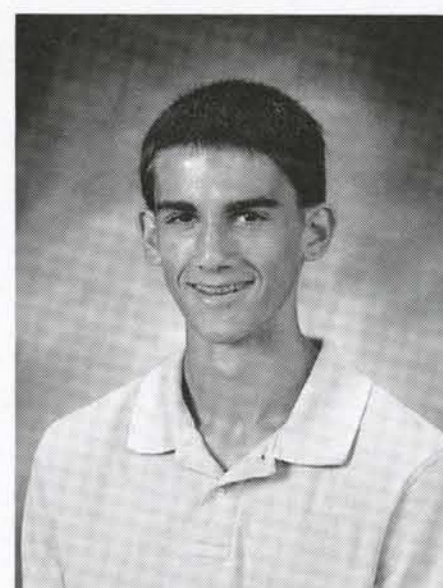
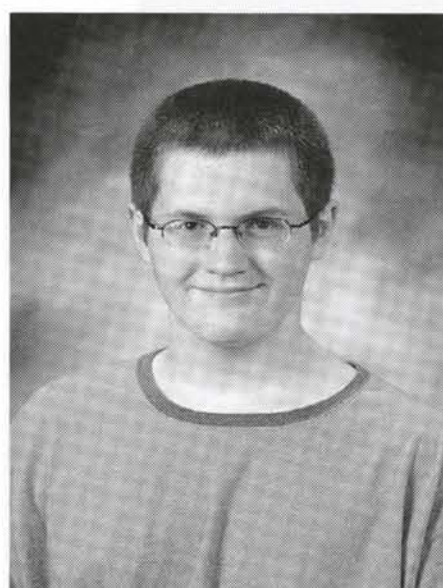
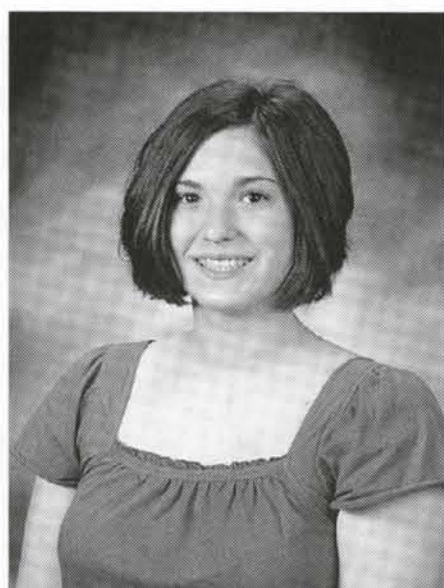




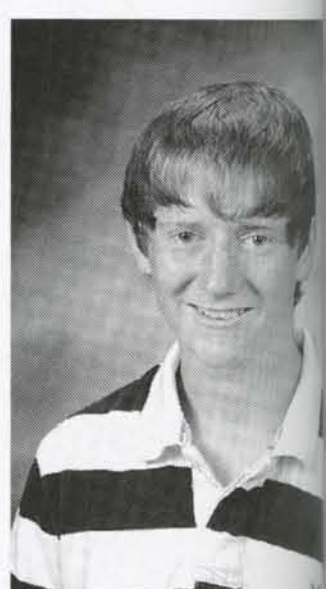
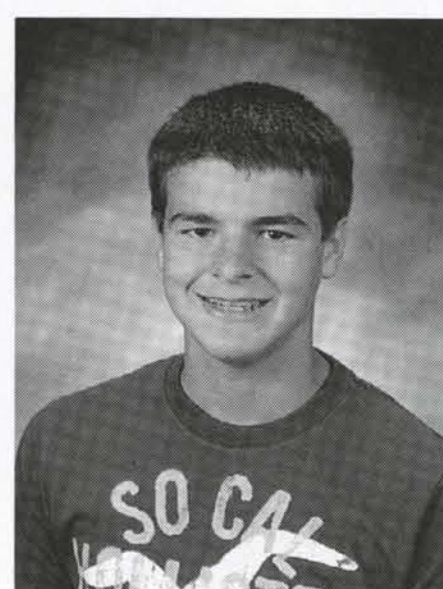
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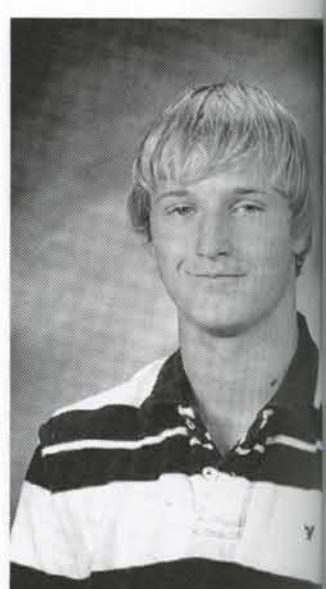
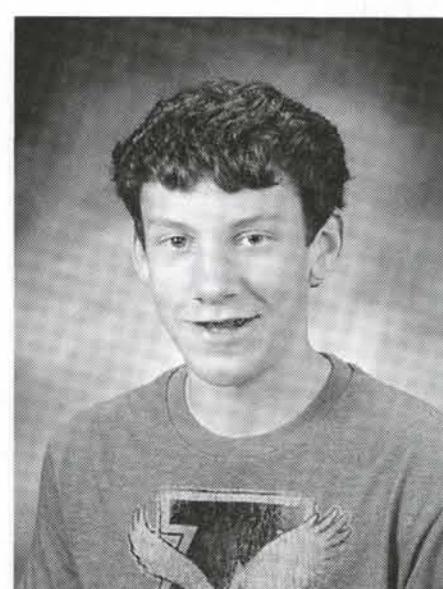
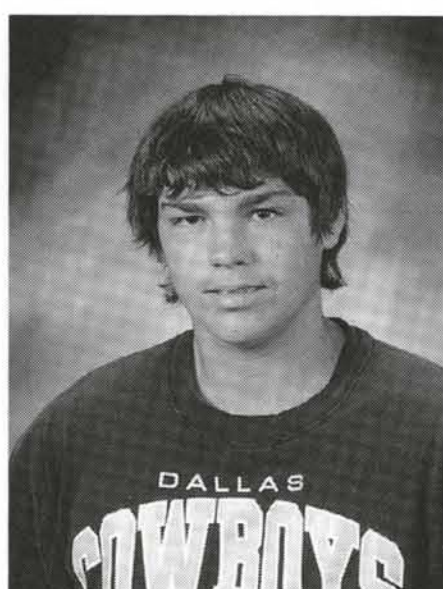
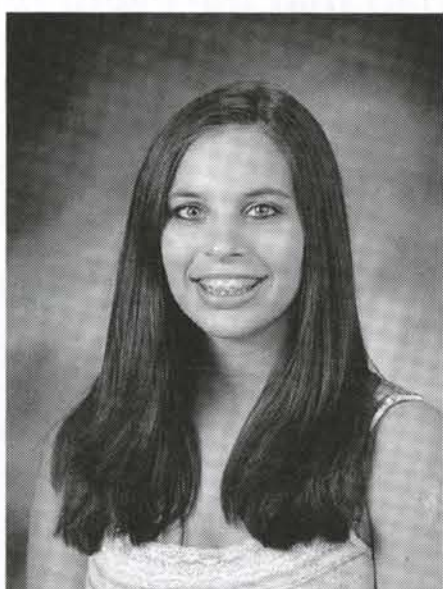
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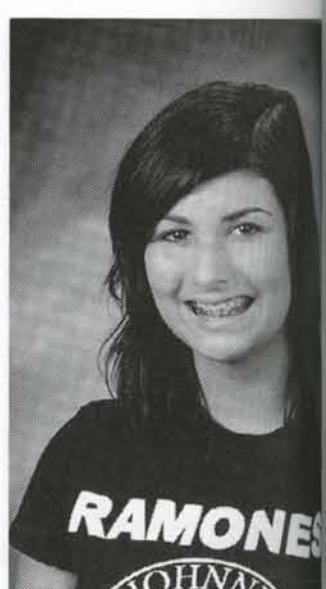
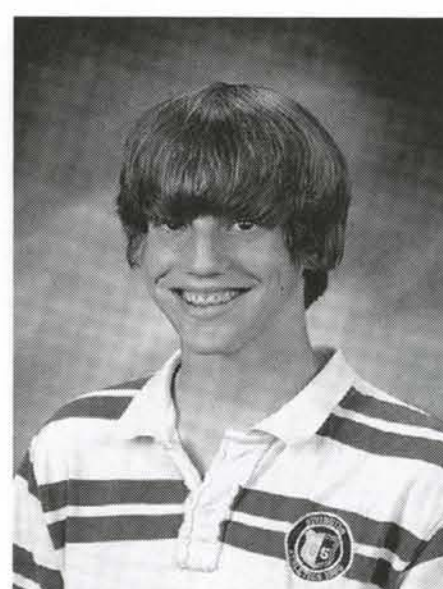
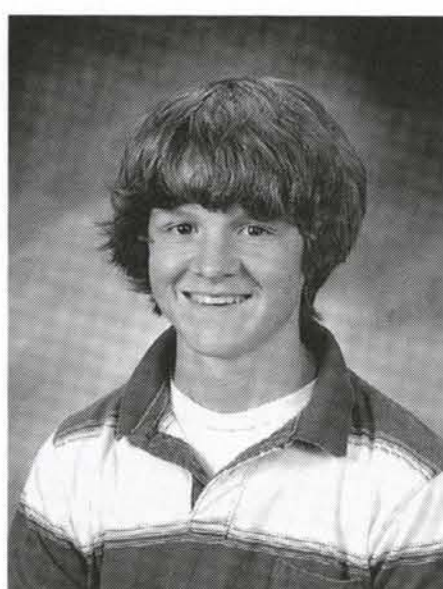
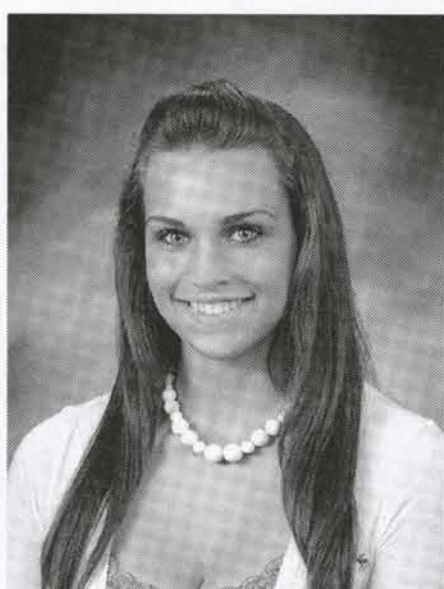
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# Family Benefits

By: Tanya Ploense

U-High parent Emily Todino has been battling breast cancer since 2007. In December her scans came back negative.

"Getting the news that her scans came back clear was the best news I've ever heard. It was a huge relief and cheered everyone up," sophomore Drew Todino said.

As a way to ease the pain of medical bills, Joni Campbell, a close family friend organized a benefit for the Todino family.

"We saw the need and decided to do something about it. All of the proceeds helped to pay for her medical bills," Campbell said.

The benefit was on Feb. 23 at the Parke Hotel and Conference Center.

"The developer of the Parke, Larry Bielfeldt, was generous enough to let us use the conference center for free. It's a brand new facility, so we were very excited," Campbell said.

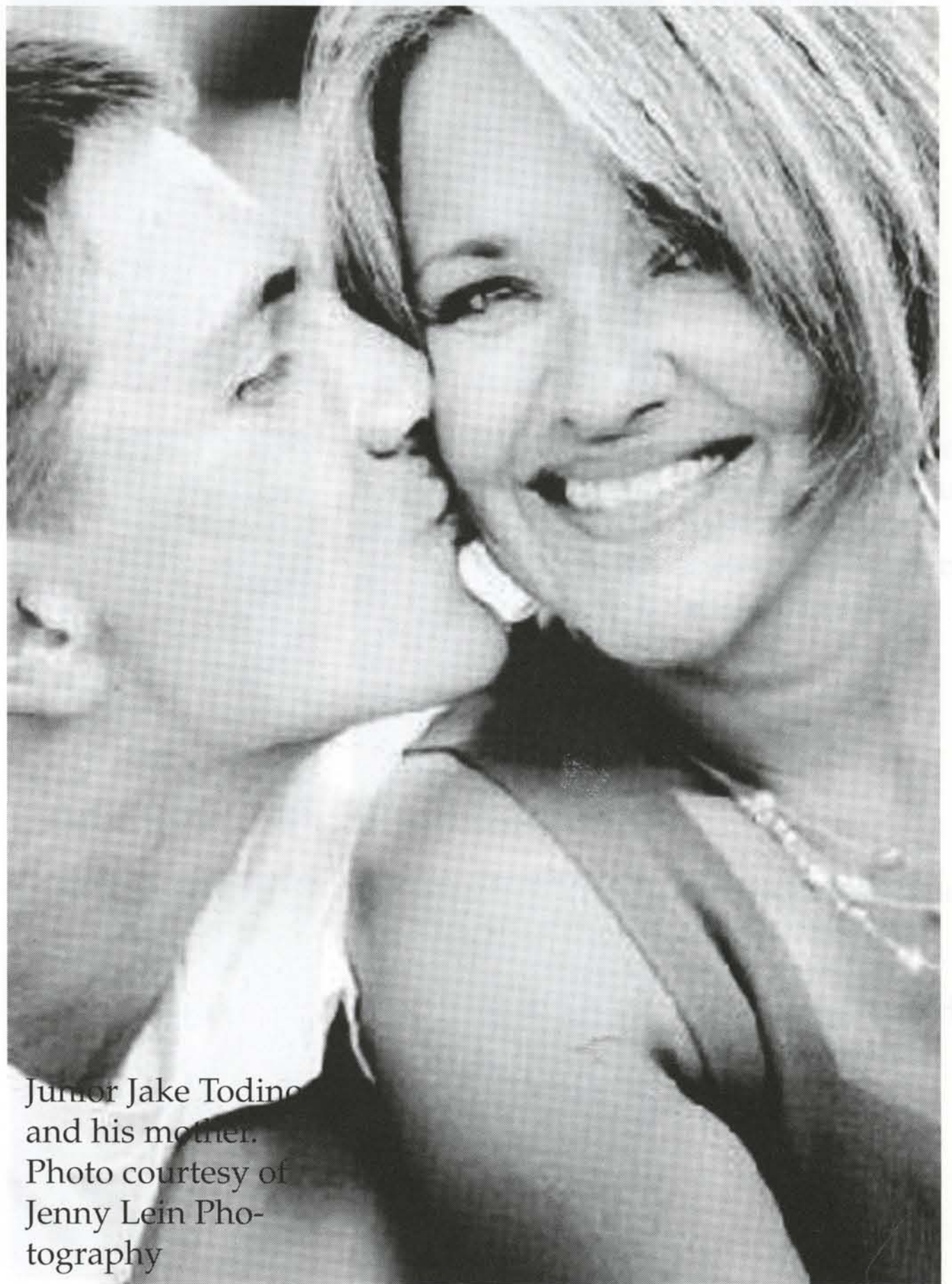
DJ Alex from the Record Player Company and local band Sister Groove performed at the benefit.

In addition to the music, there was also a bake sale, raffle, and silent auction.

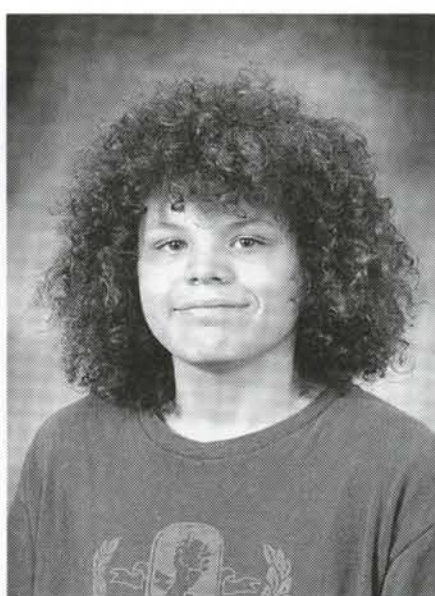
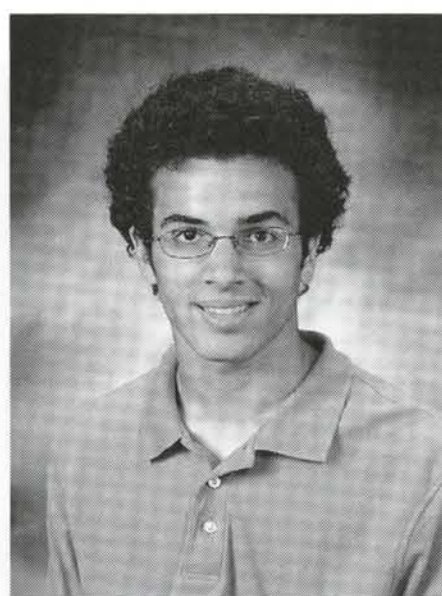
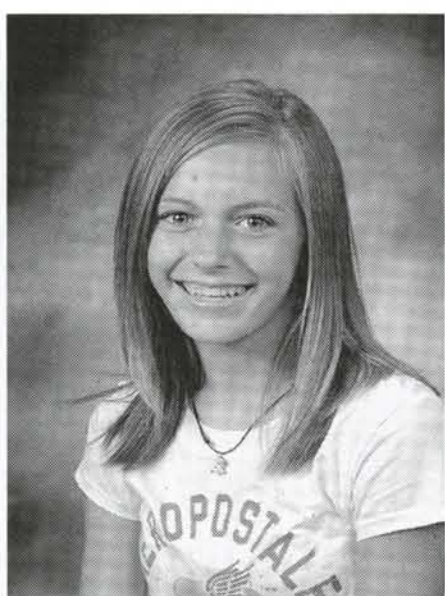
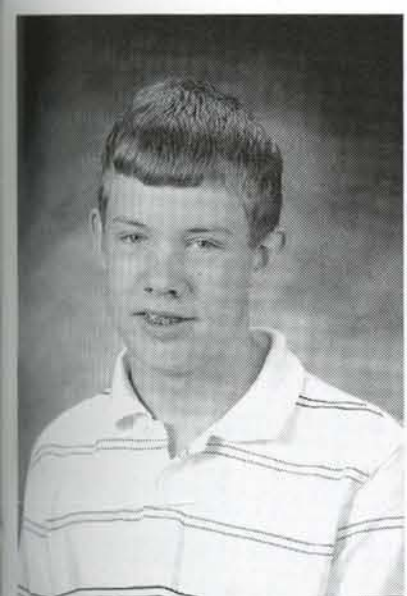
"We auctioned off a lot of different things. We had a weed-eater, a free haircut, and a lot of restaurants offered coupons for a certain amount of money off of a meal," she added.

The benefit was not only a time to collect money in order to help with medical bills, but it was also a time for family and friends to gather in celebration.

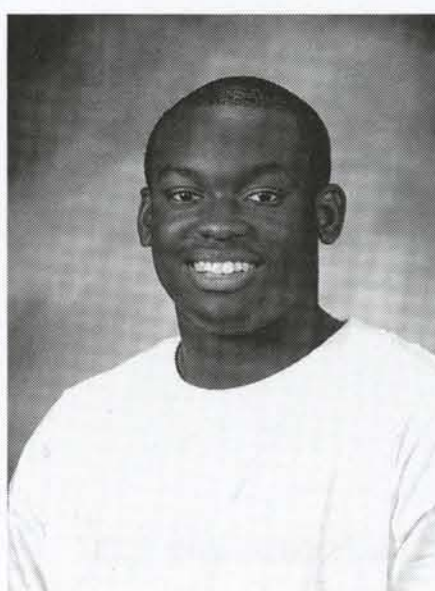
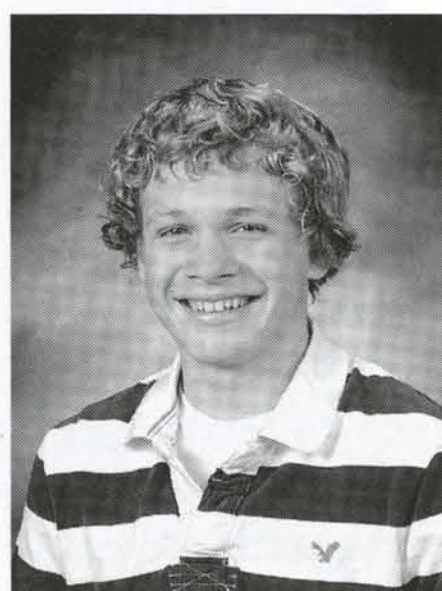
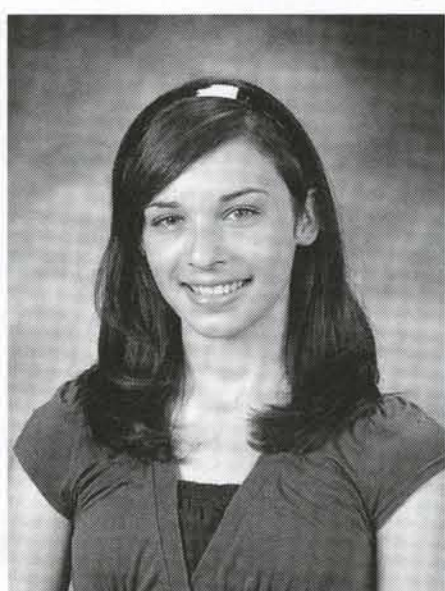
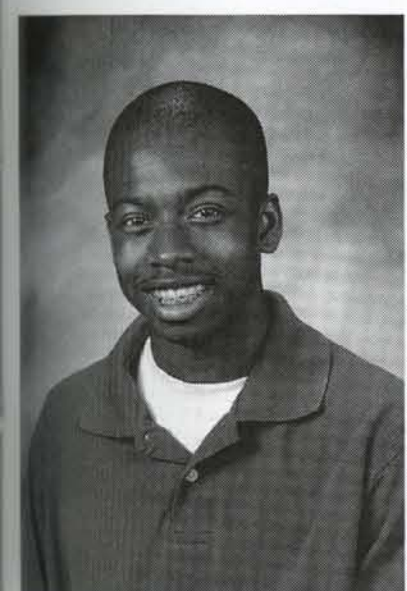
"I think it was a way for us to get together with all of our friends, old and new, while making new ones. It's a good way to spread awareness, and inform everyone of any changes with my mom's condition," Todino said.



Junior Jake Todino and his mother.  
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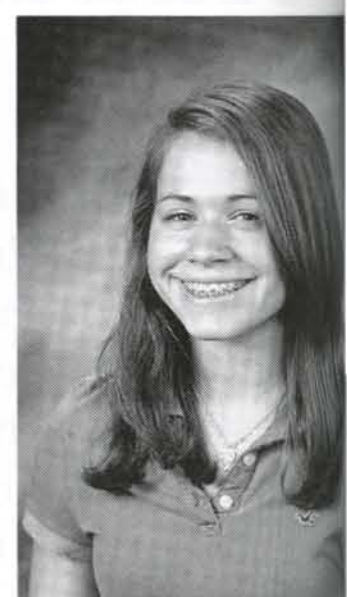
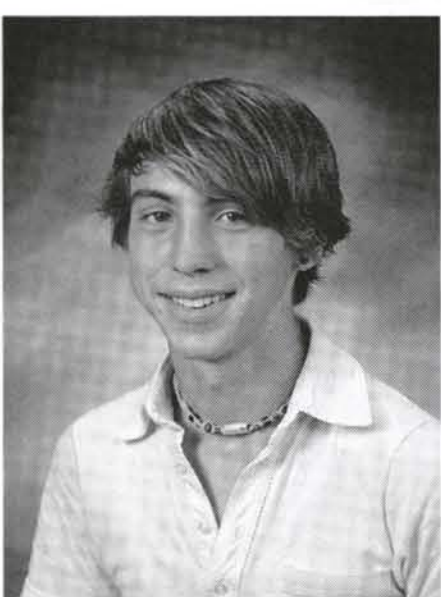
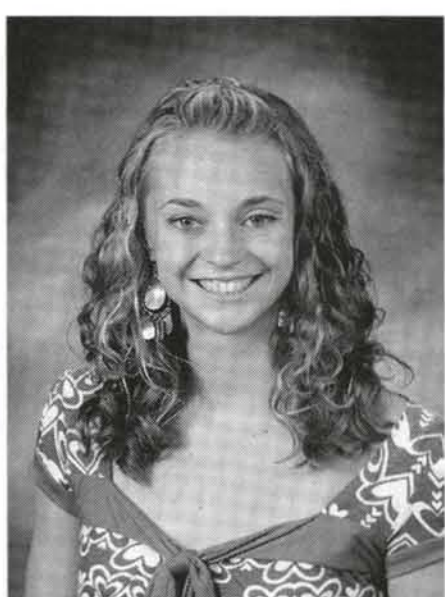
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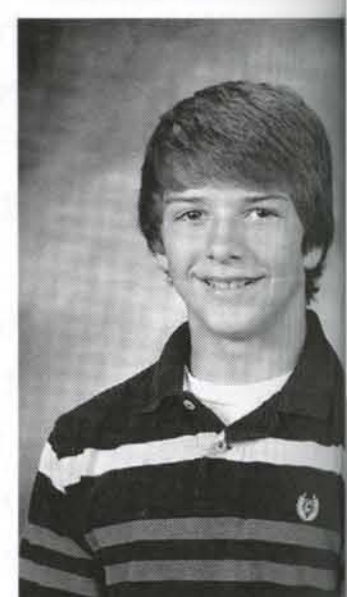
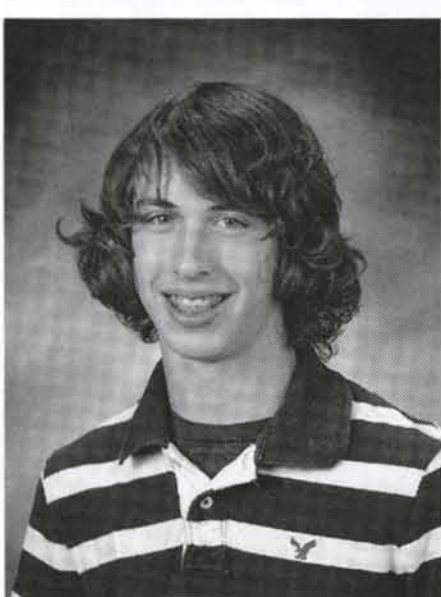
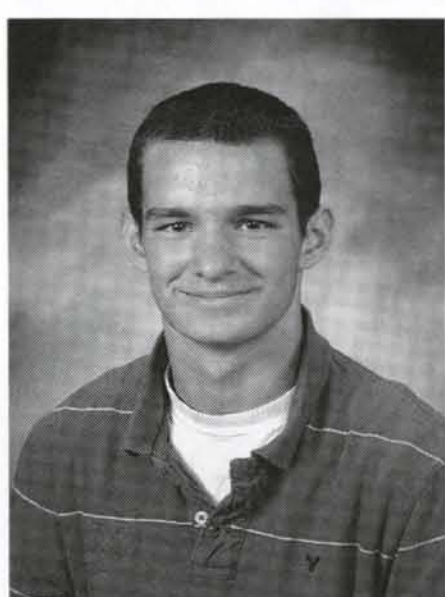
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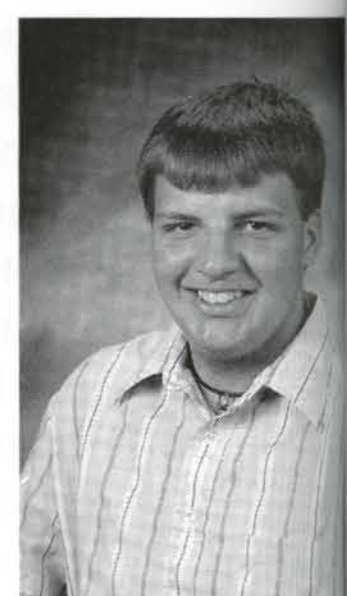
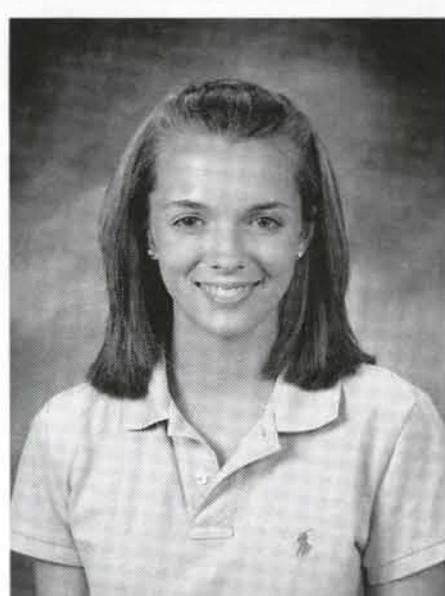
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# Outspoken Sophomore

By: Jim Krajewski

As a freshman, Chelsey Coombs placed 4th in sectionals in radio speaking for the U-High speech team. Unlike other speakers though, it wasn't her choice to go into radio.

"Basically, Mr. Allen told me I had to do it," she said.

As a sophomore, Coombs was consistently one of the best in both radio speaking and oratory. Radio speaking involves reading a short script with news, an advertisement, sports and weather. Oratory involves writing and memorizing your own speech that deals with an issue, and giving a pro or con argument.

It seems Coombs was destined to be on speech at U-High. She joined speech in junior high to help her get accepted to U-High. As time went on, it became a passion.

Coombs said the time she spends practicing varies on her event.

"I'll only practice for radio about an hour a week, because it's hard to study for, but my oratory piece took me about three months to write and memorize. It really felt like forever," Coombs said.

As speech has a lot of applications, Coombs intends on using it later in life.

"I want to be a pediatrician or even a singer when I grow up. No matter what, I think speech will help me interact with people," she said.

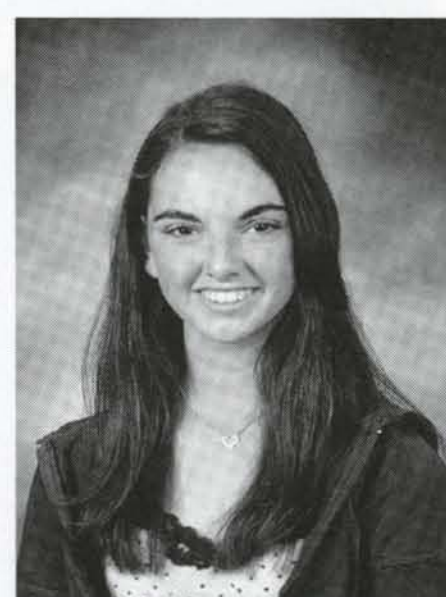
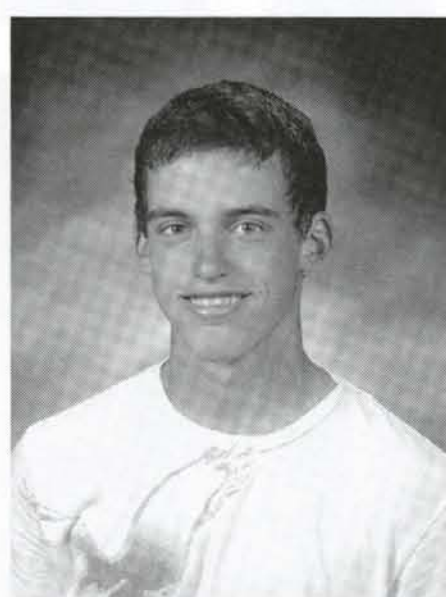
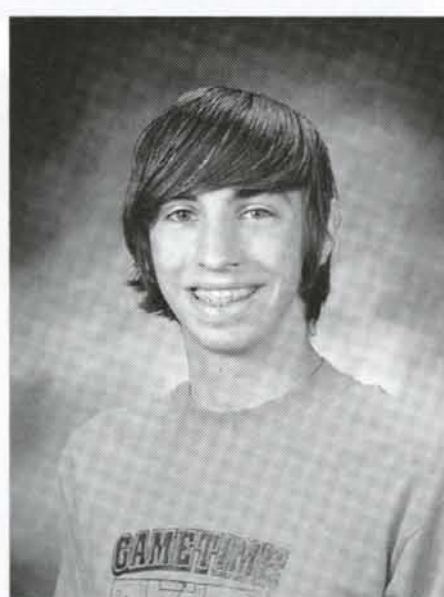
In the end though, Coombs has a pretty basic reason to continue speech.

"It's actually something I'm good at. I've never been very good at sports. It kind of sounds stupid saying it actually," she said.

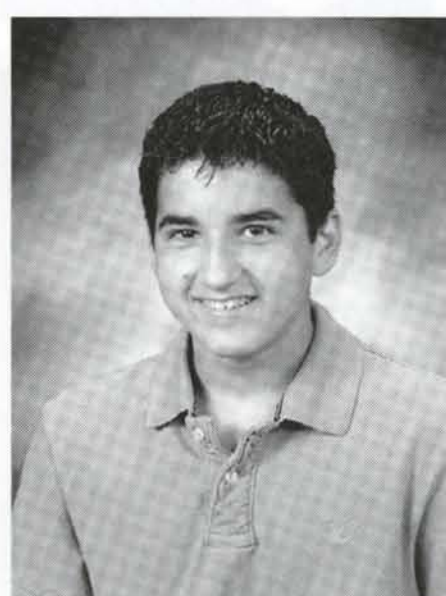
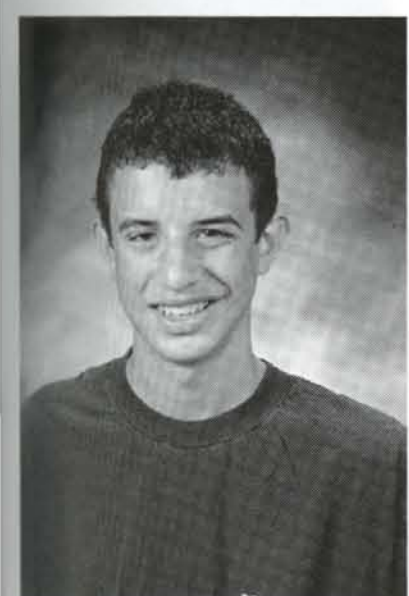




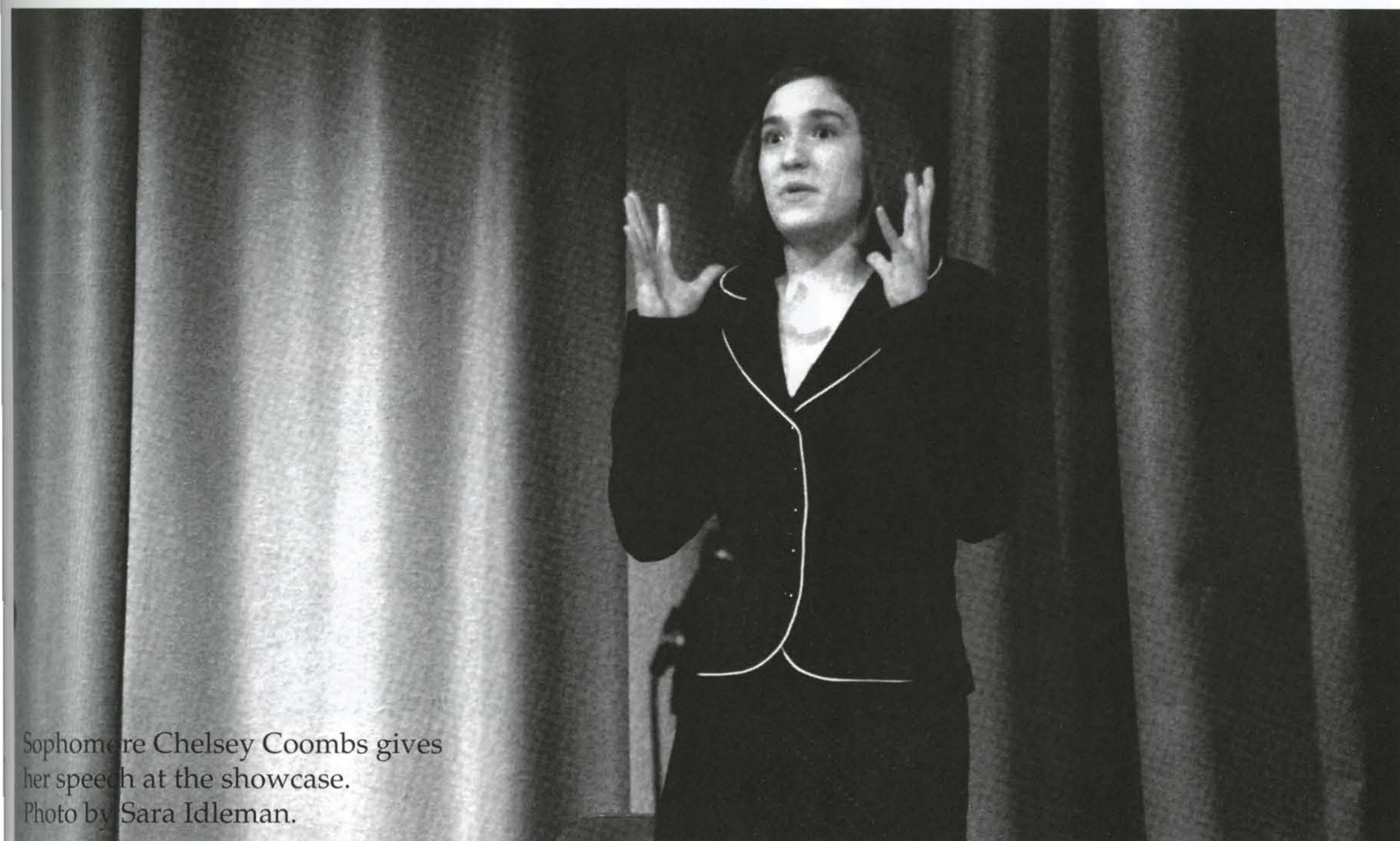
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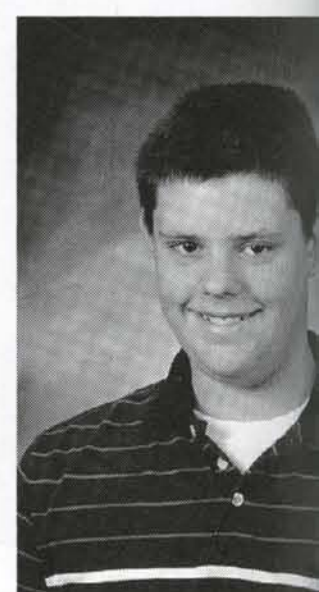
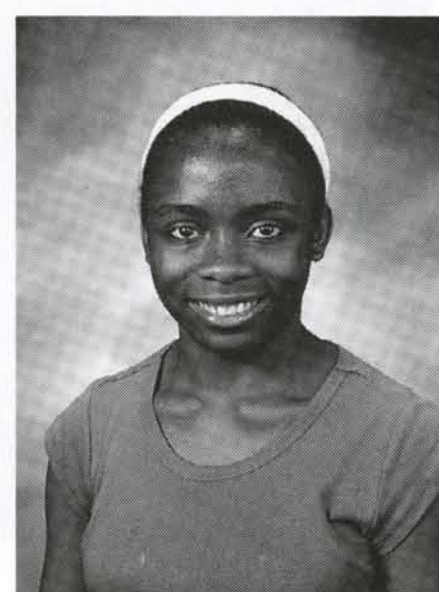
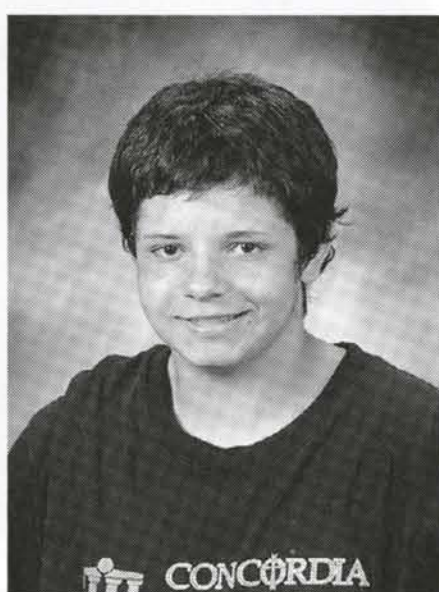
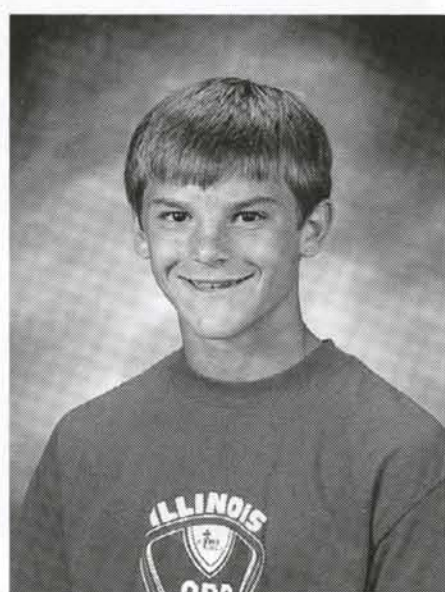
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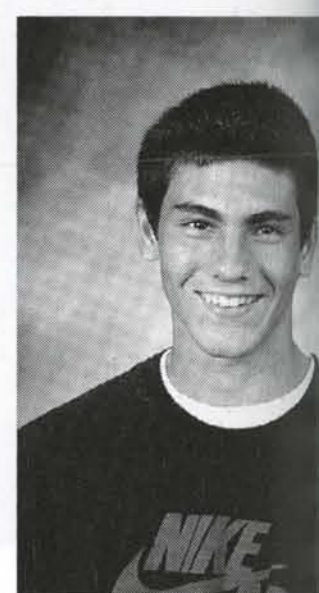
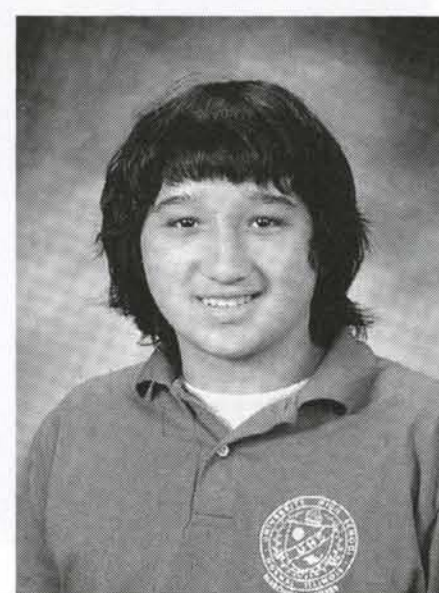
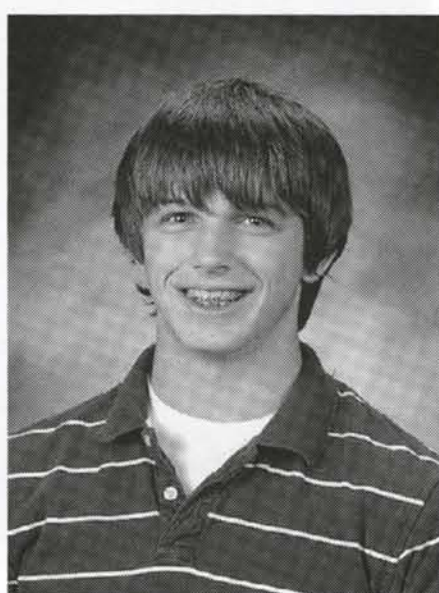
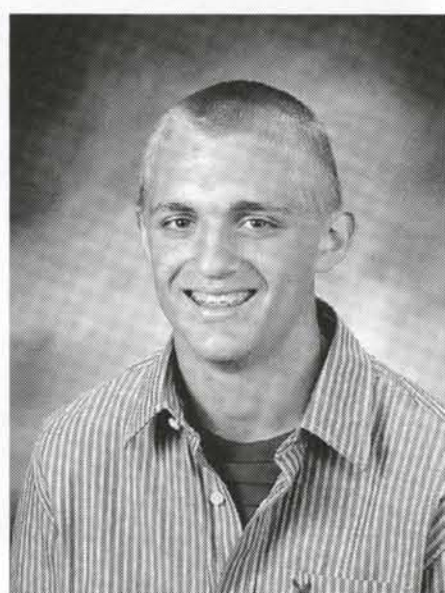
Sophomore Chelsey Coombs gives  
her speech at the showcase.  
Photo by Sara Idleman.



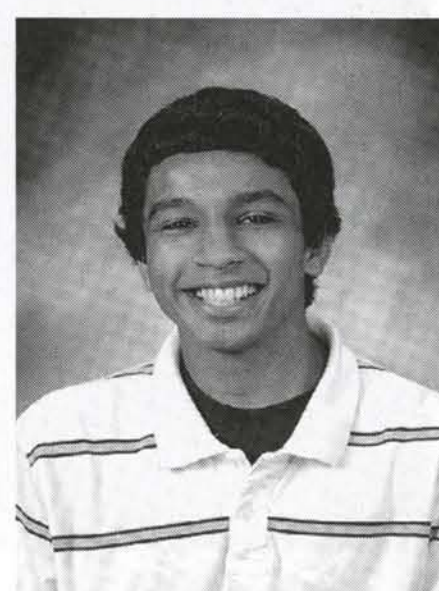
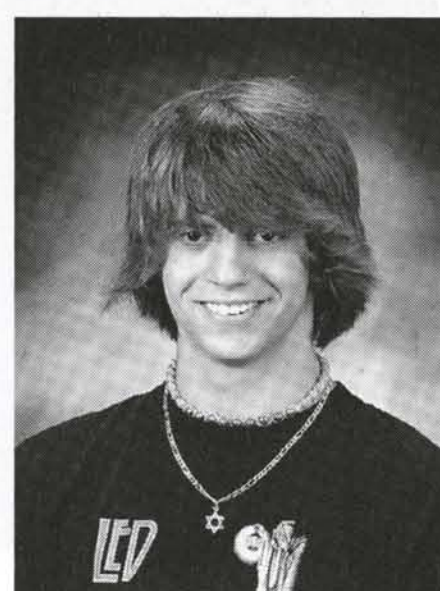
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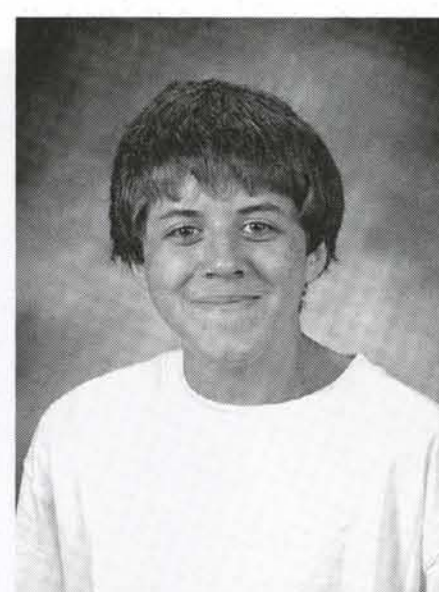
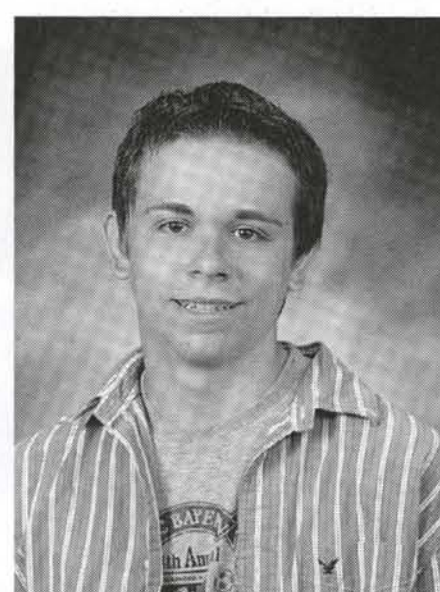
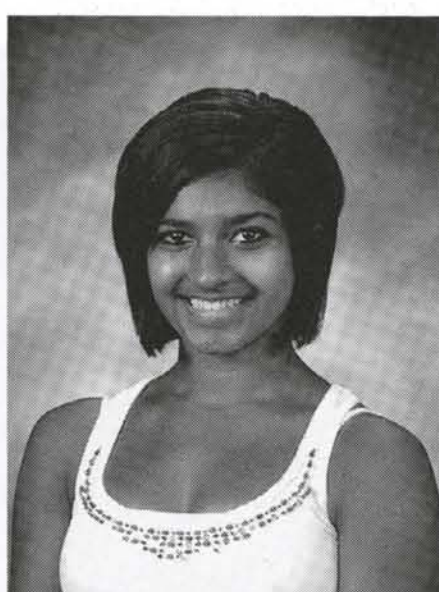
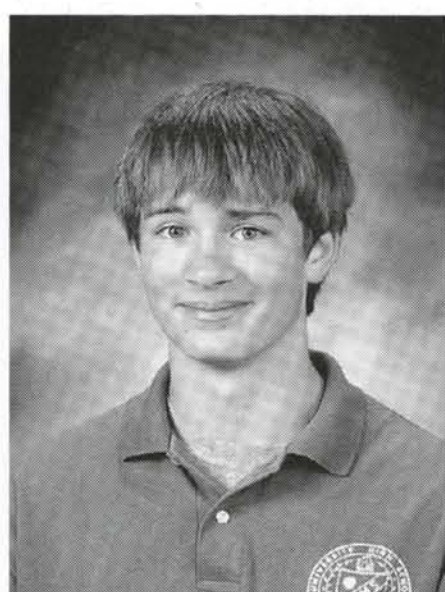
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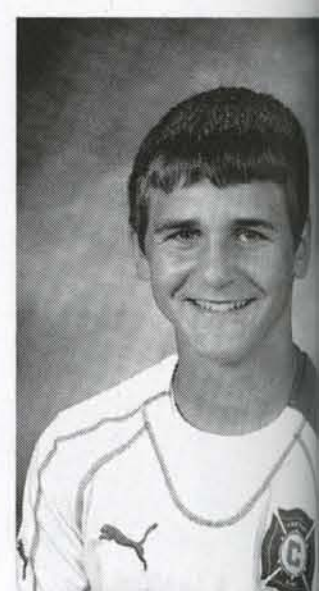
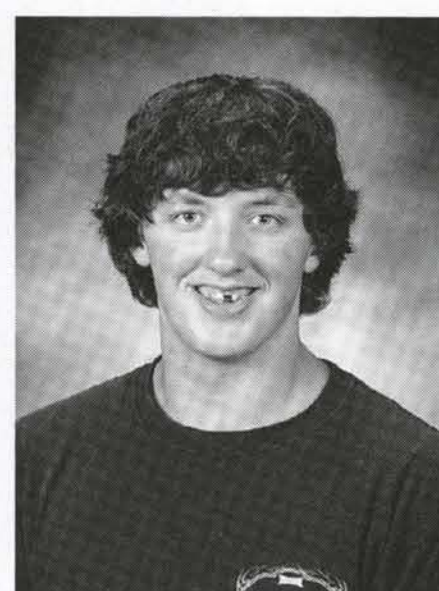
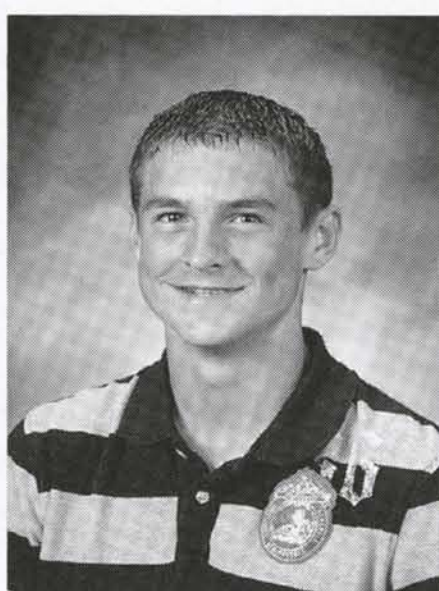
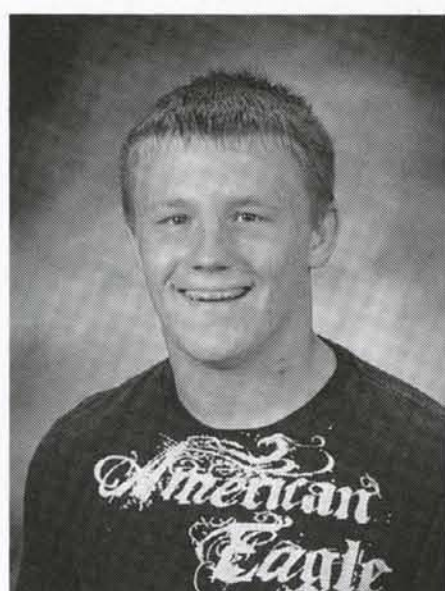
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# Changing Strategy

By: Jenna Floyd

The game of chess is relatively straightforward: it takes the ability to be patient, imagination to create the moves, and strategy.

"It's a common misconception that you have to be a genius [to play the game]," senior chess team member Eric Meier said.

The team is coached by Don Robinson, a retired ISU professor, and they practiced every Tuesday for two hours. Meier said they worked on "openings," (the first 10 to 15 moves of the game) which can be memorized, but mostly they just played games for fun.

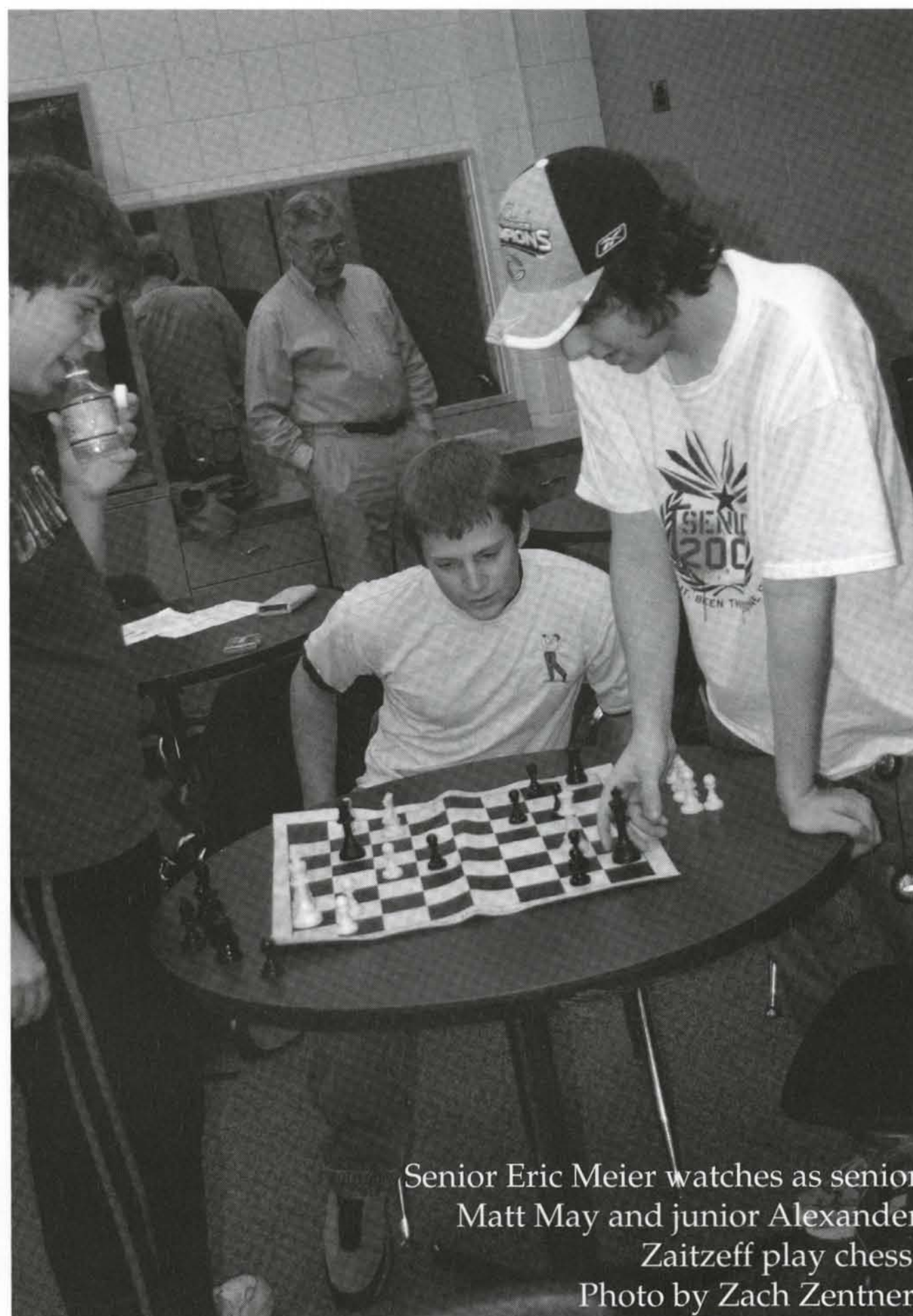
Regular matches were on Thursdays, with larger tournaments on Saturdays. The team traveled to Heyworth, Champaign, and even Chicago to play in these tournaments. They did extremely well against the competition, obtaining the perfect score of 58 points several times.

Senior Matt May said this year's team was the best U-High has had since he was a freshman. The top eight members come from all four grades.

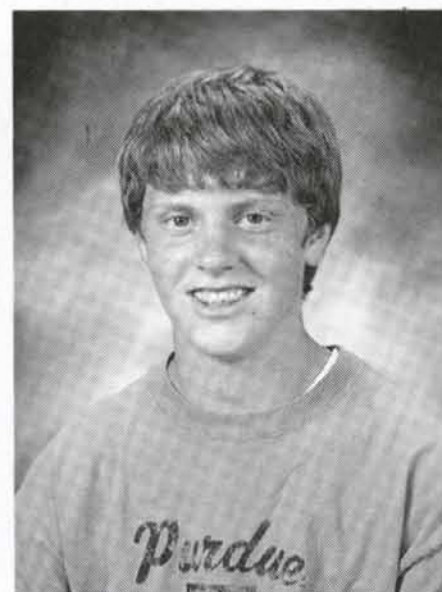
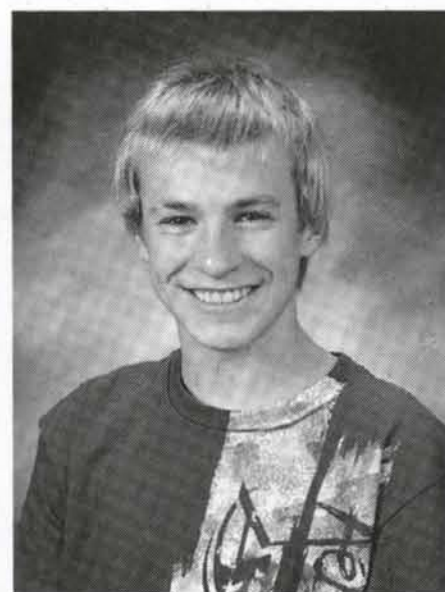
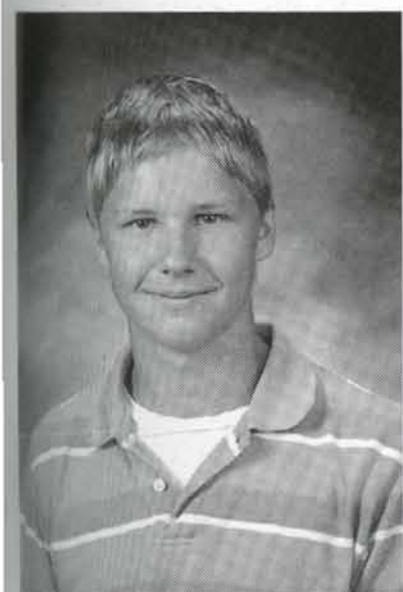
"I like our team this year; they are a fun group of people," May said.

May said some people join chess freshman year and study the game to become better players.

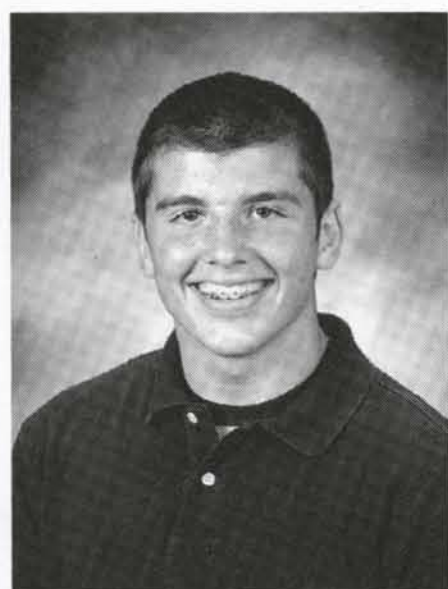
"To be a good chess player you have to play for a long time and have a lot of dedication," he said.



Senior Eric Meier watches as senior Matt May and junior Alexander Zaitzeff play chess.  
Photo by Zach Zentner.



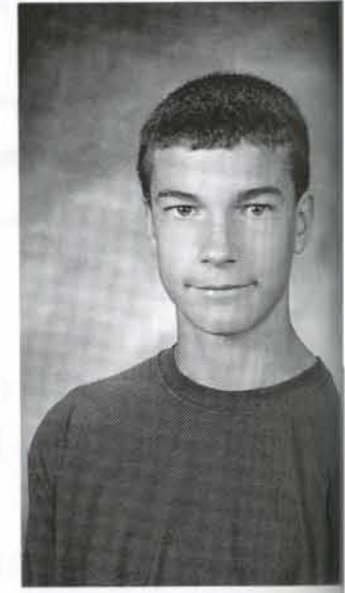
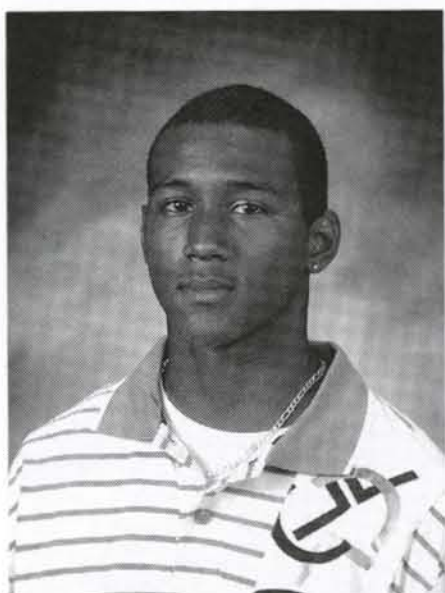
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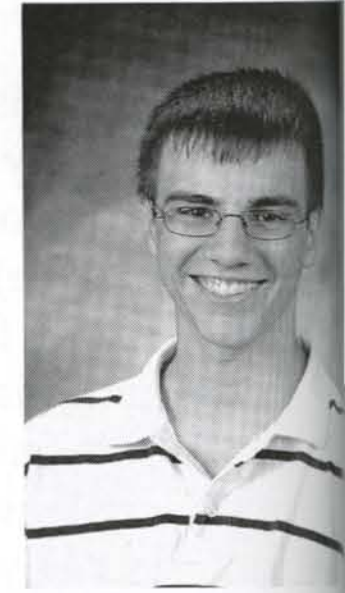
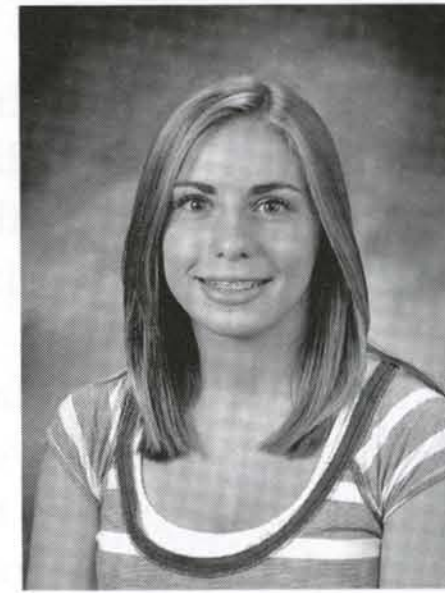
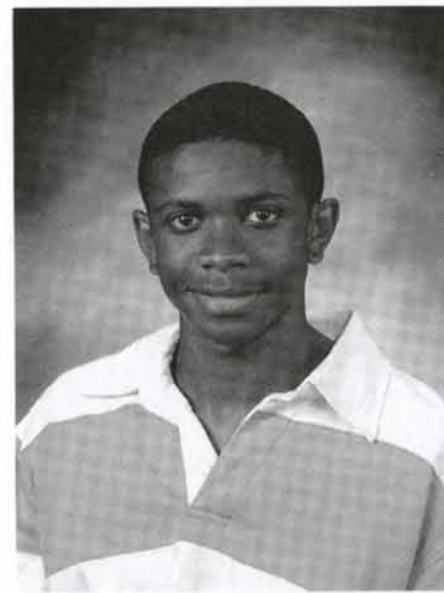
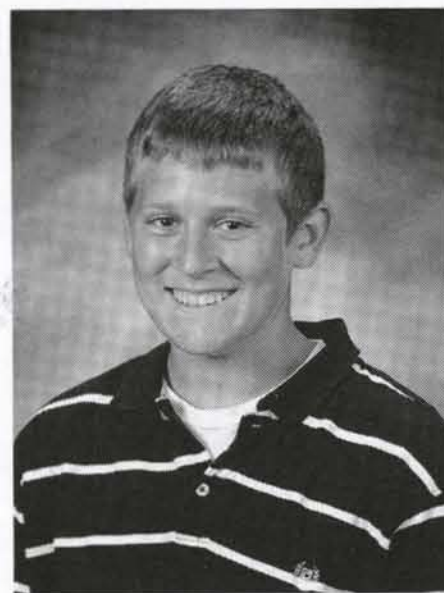
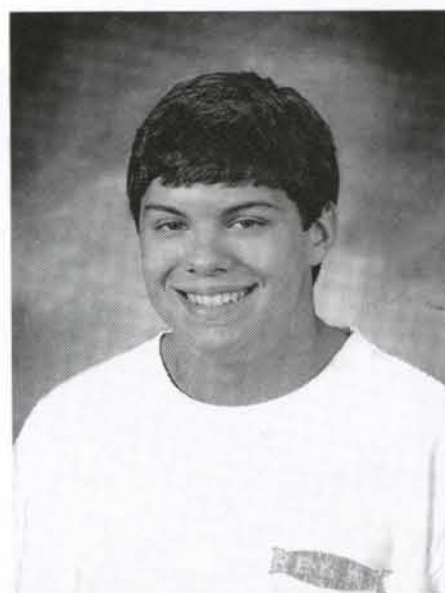
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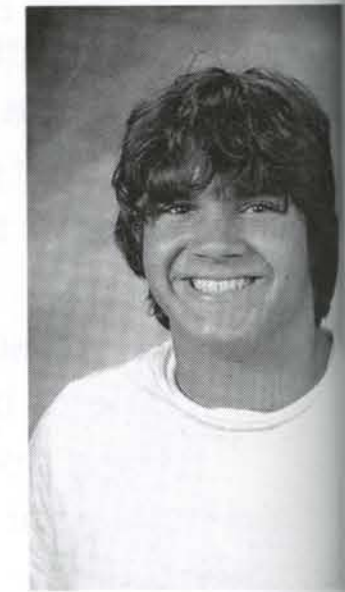
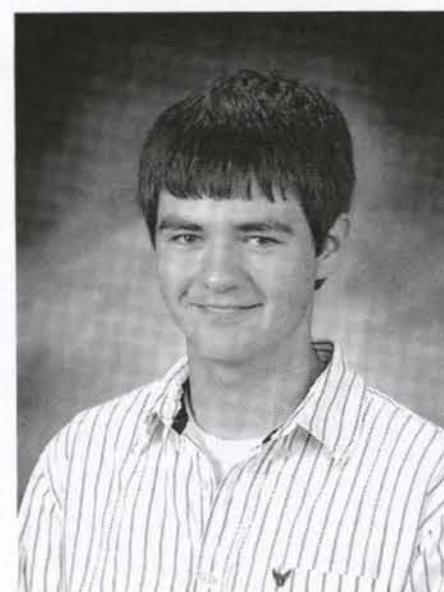
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# Early Start

By: Tanya Ploense

Elizabeth Thompson, a graduate student at ISU, was the new Oral Communications teacher at U-High.

"I only taught one class. I think that if I had a full class load then it would have been really overwhelming," Thompson said.

The Oral Communications class is made up of mainly sophomores.

"I don't want to make them seem nerdy, but they seem ready to learn. And, they were really nice to me," she said.

Thompson thought that the class would step up to the plate, and they did.

"I think if you set the expectations high they can do anything," she added.

Thompson taught the 7 a.m. class. She also taught two classes at ISU at 1 and 4 p.m.

"This semester went really well. The students participated and kept the classroom atmosphere light and fun.

They were a great group to work with," she said.

Sophomore Lauren Miller thought Thompson did a great job as well.

"I really liked having a first year teacher. She helped me become more confident when talking in front of people," Miller said.

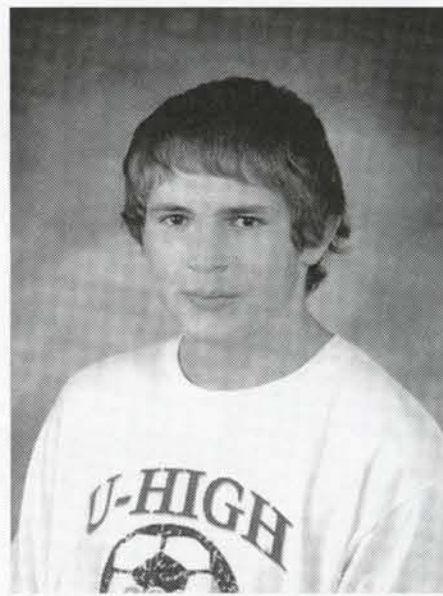
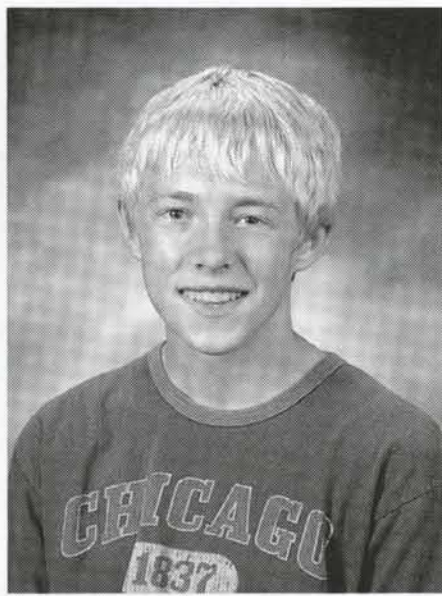
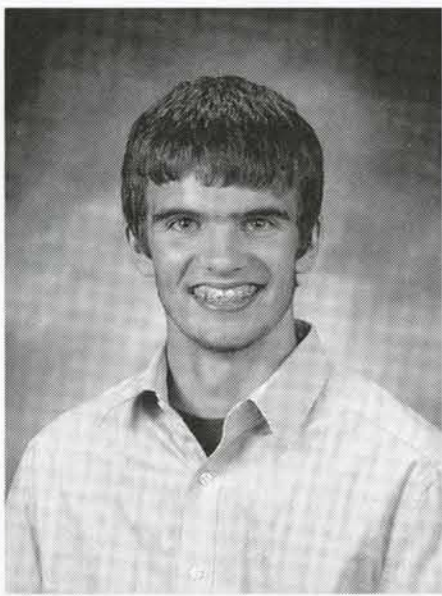
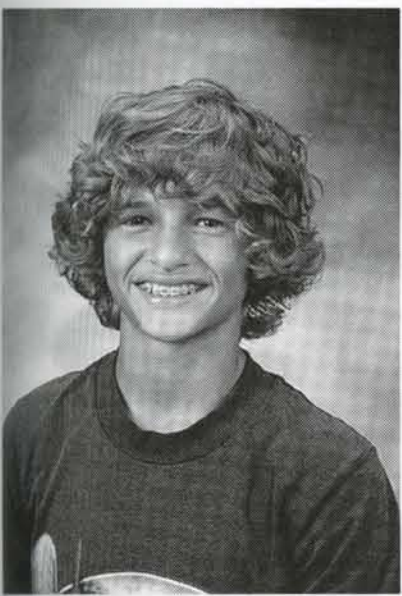
Sophomore Ian Ostaszewski thought that it was nice to have a first year teacher that knew what she was doing.

"Ms. Thompson has taught college classes before, so she really knew the subject and could teach us well," he said.

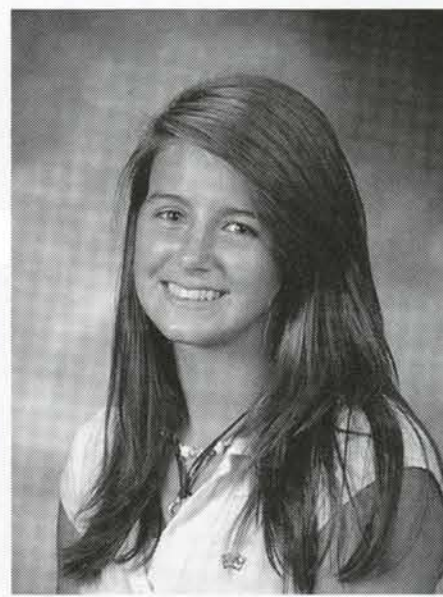
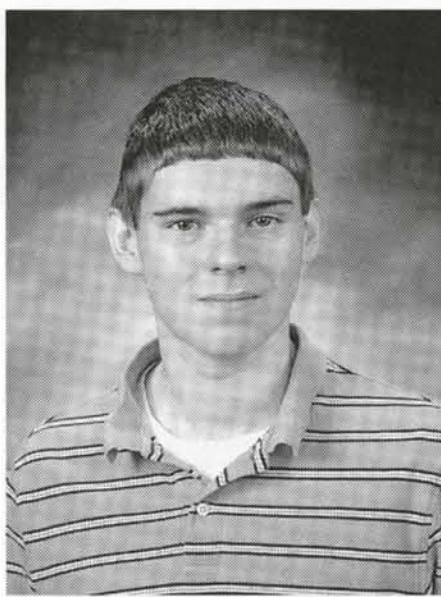
For Thompson the class wasn't always that fun.

"My least favorite thing is grading- hands down. I wish I could just watch and enjoy speeches instead of evaluating them. With that, I do not like passing back grades that I know students will be unhappy with. But overall, I wouldn't give up teaching for anything," she said.

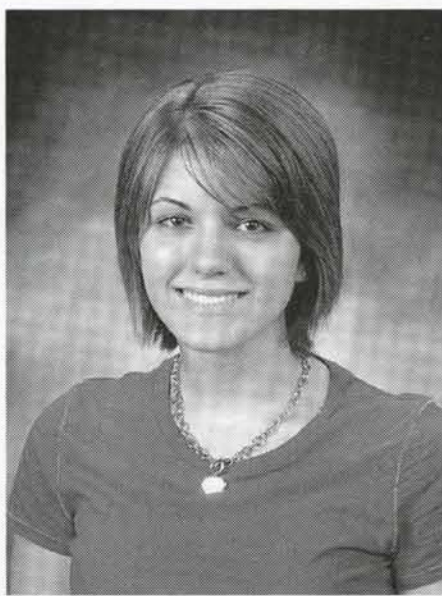
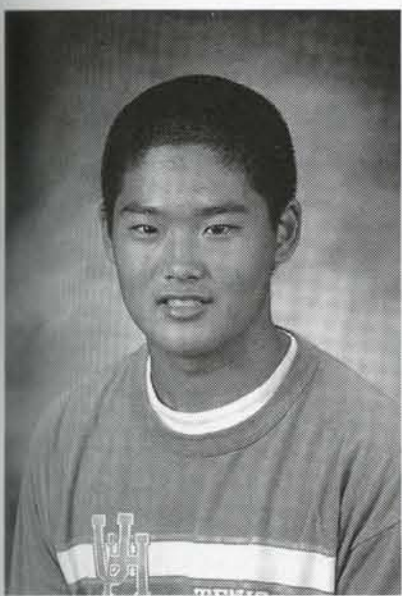




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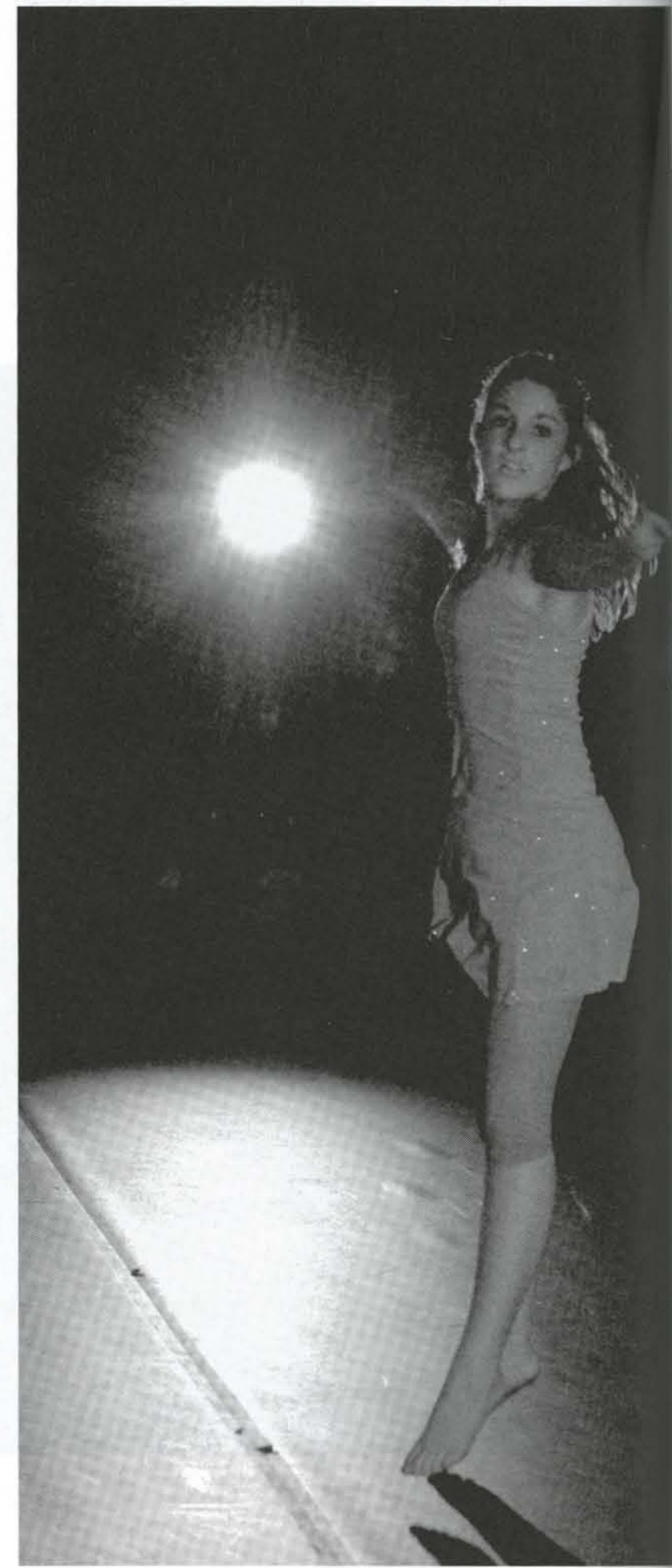
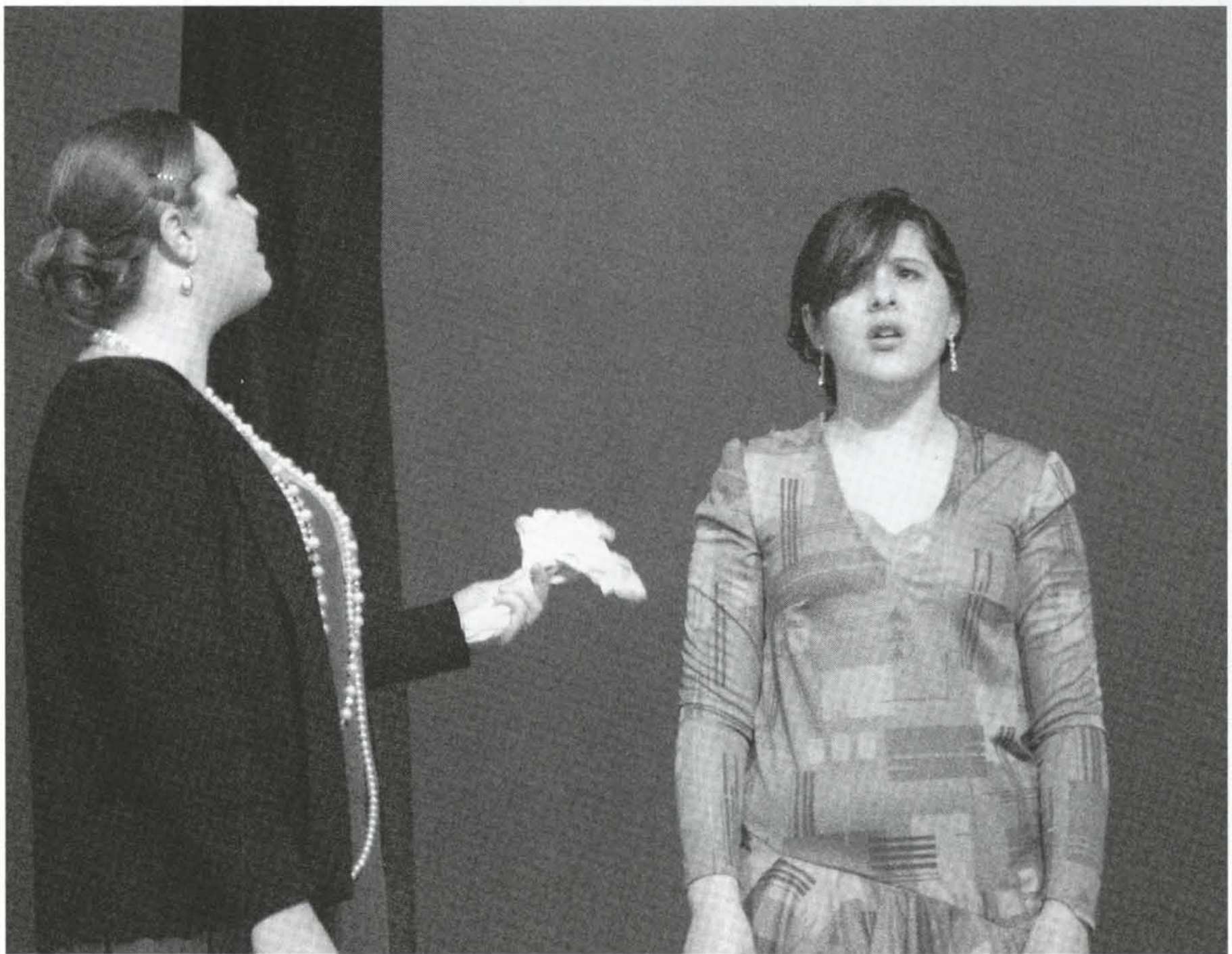
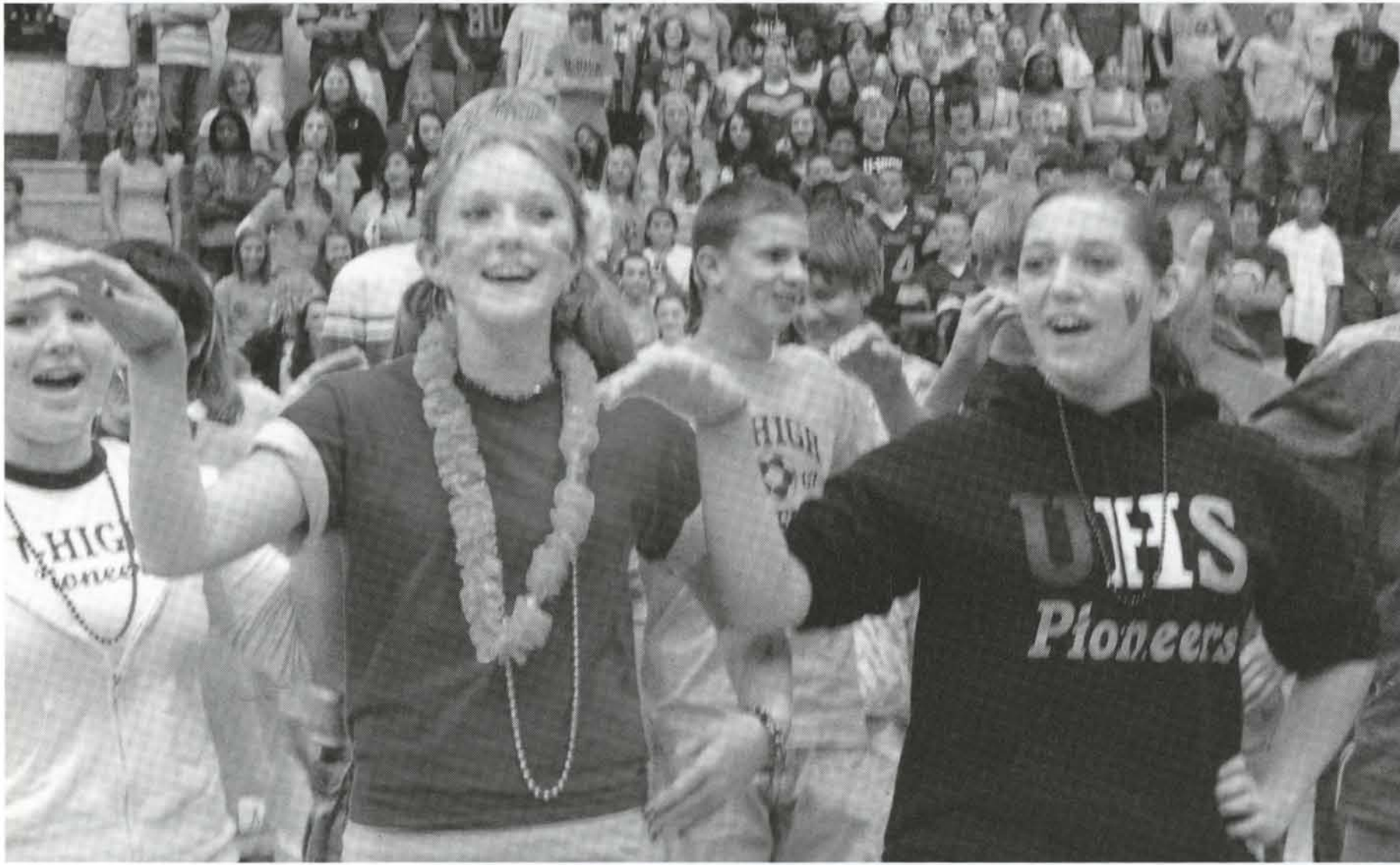
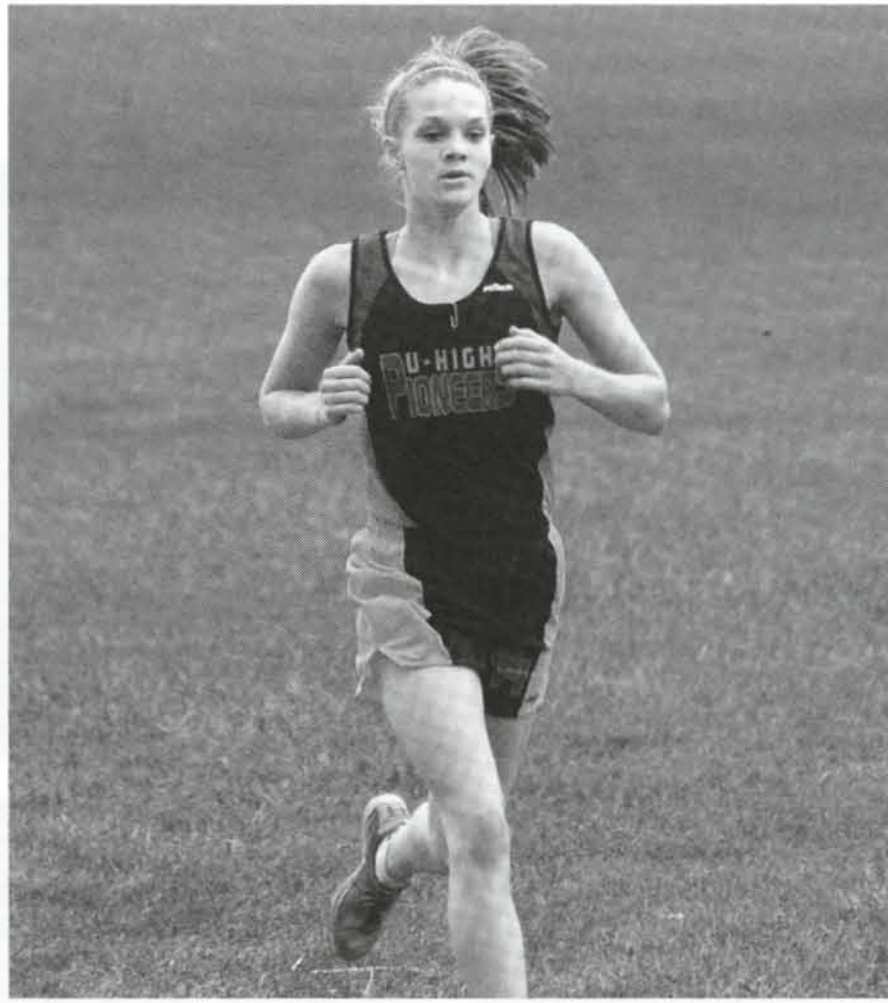
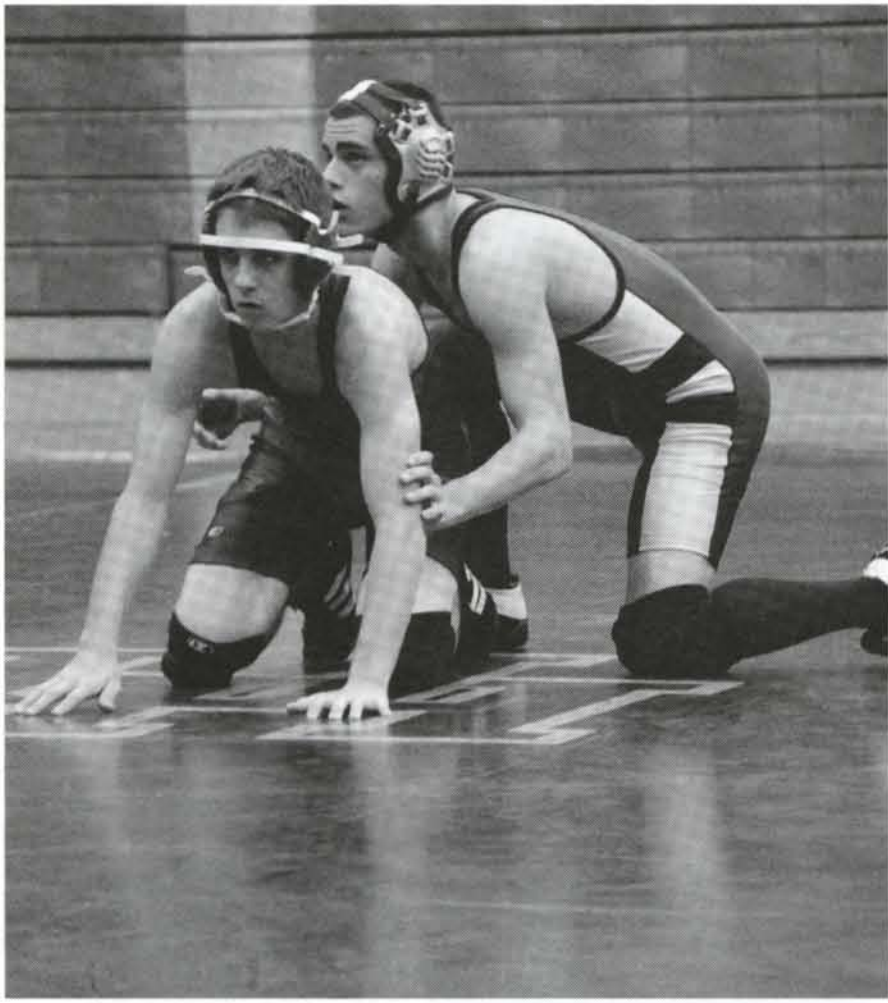


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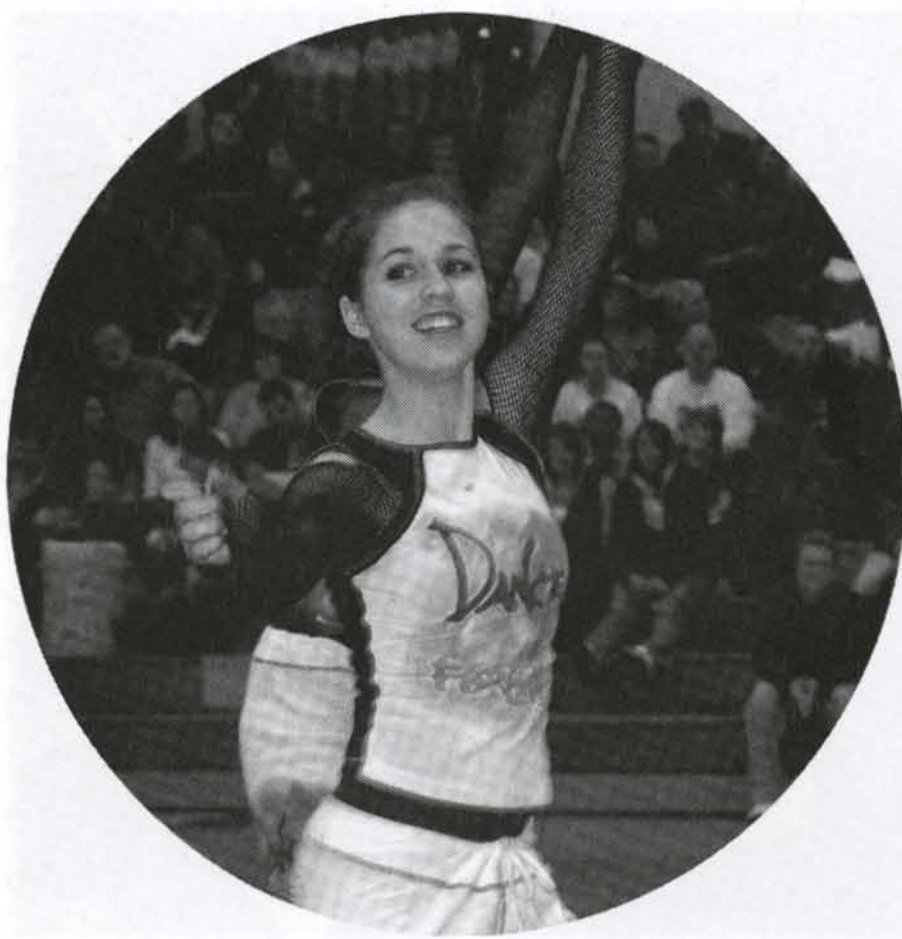
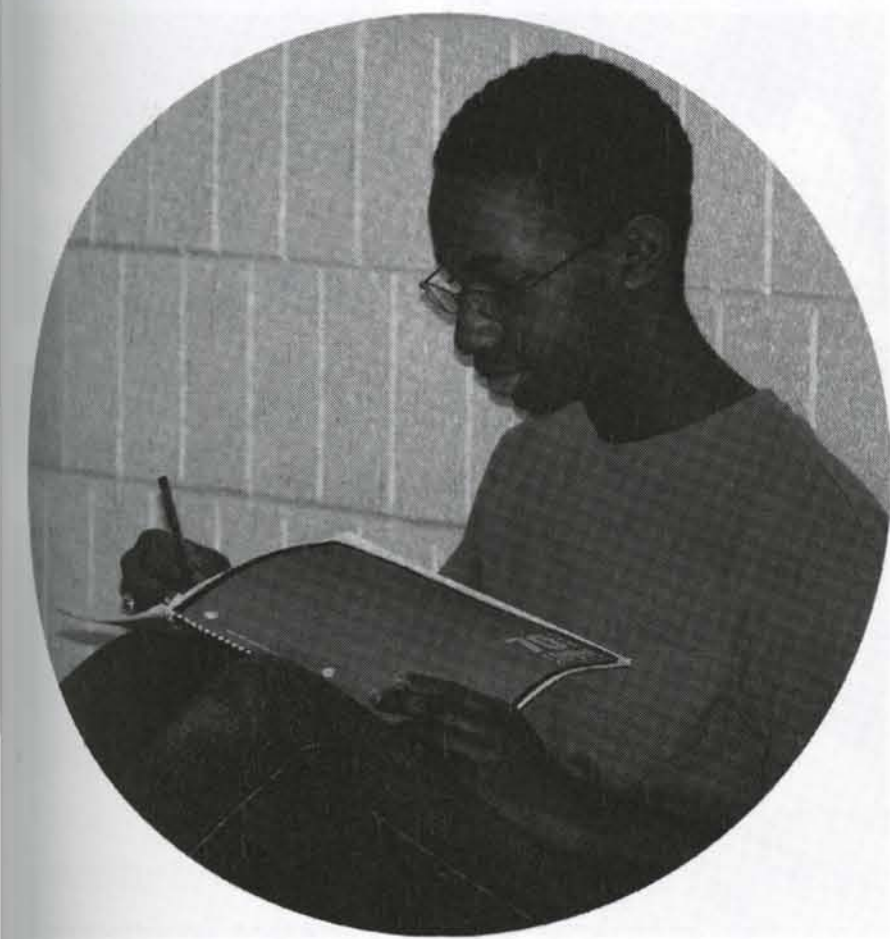
Elizabeth Thompson  
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# Freshmen



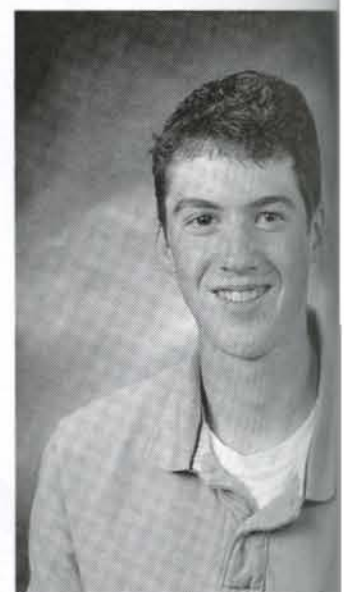
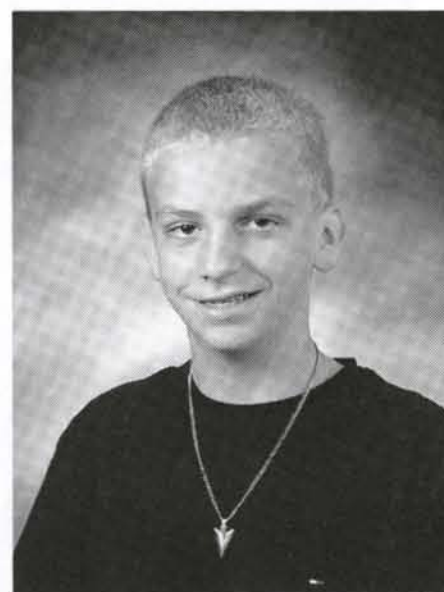
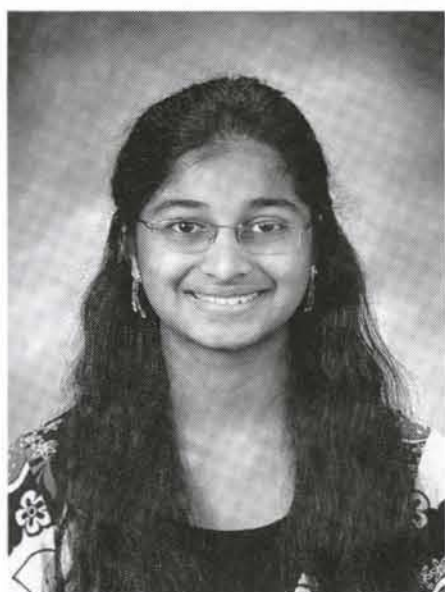
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Freshmen photo collage starting at top left clockwise: Jace Mortimer wrestles his opponent, Emily Clay runs in a cross country meet, Lynn Burkhead acts in the fall play, freshmen prepare to play tug-of-war against the sophomores at Powderpuff, Elizabeth Lindenmeier dances her routine at the orchesis concert, Anna Weis performs in the Winter One Acts, freshmen sing and dance to I'm a Little Teapot at the pep rally.

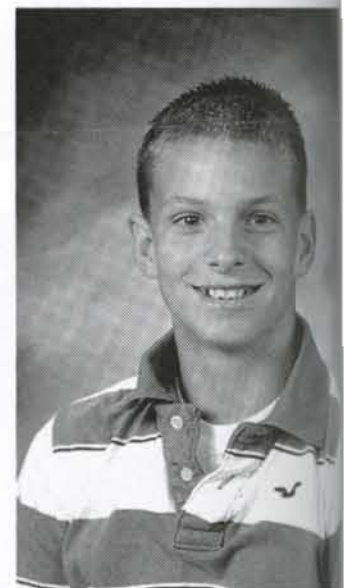
Circle photos above from left to right: William Brown studies in the hallway, Kelsey Larson preforms on the dance team at halftime of a basketball game, Dylan Karraker sings at the winter concert.



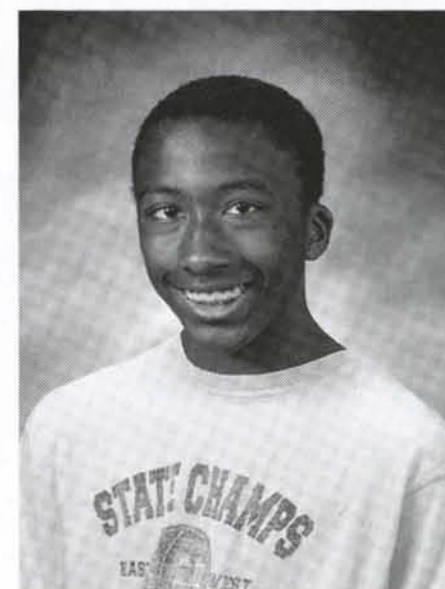
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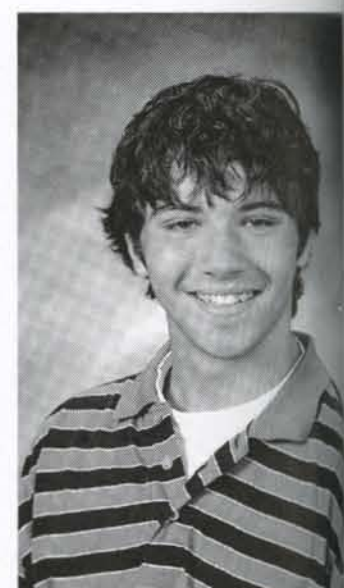
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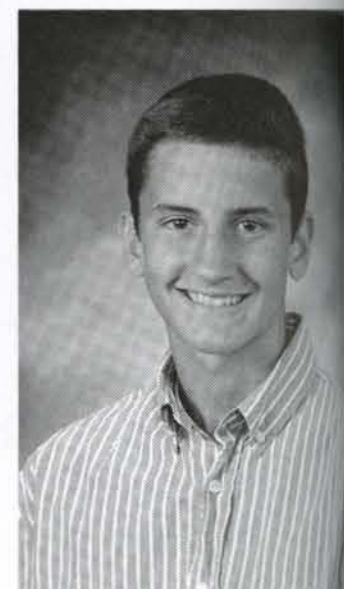
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# Revving their Engines

By: Lindsey Butorac

Learning to drive is one of the most exciting times in a high-school student's life. Before receiving their license, students must take and pass Driver's Education class.

Freshman Driver's Ed students Emily Waltner and Kristin Weaver enjoyed the class and thought the class was informative but still very fun.

Waltner was pumped for Driver's Ed and excited to get behind the wheel. She was confident to drive because she felt she was well prepared.

"In class we had to learn about all the parts of a car we would need and identify them," she said.

While not behind the wheel, Waltner and Weaver learned in class in a variety of ways.

"My favorite part of Driver's Ed was when the police officer came to visit us," Weaver said. "He gave us fatal vision goggles to try on that simulated being an intoxicated driver."

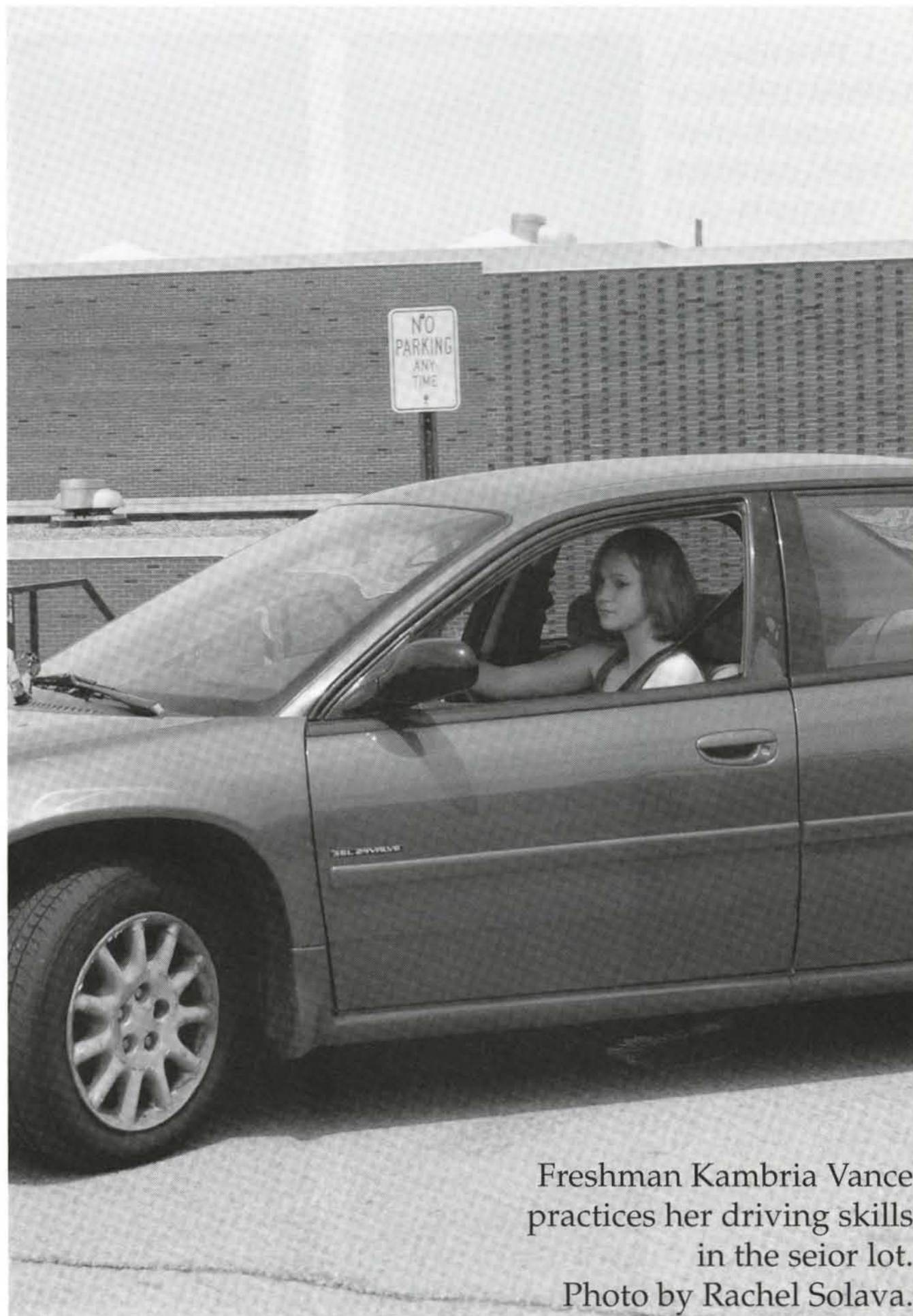
Waltner liked the movies the most.

"We laughed at them because they were old and funny, but I learned a lot from them," Waltner said.

Both are still driving with a permit, but are learning to be more independent when driving.

"When I drive with my parents they don't say very much," Waltner said. "They are trying to get me into the habit of driving alone."

Waltner said occasionally her parents have to call her attention to something, but she is getting better and better at becoming aware of everything a driver needs to know.

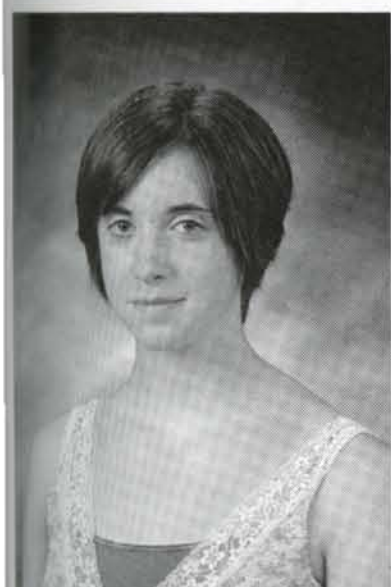


Freshman Kambria Vance practices her driving skills in the seior lot.

Photo by Rachel Solava.



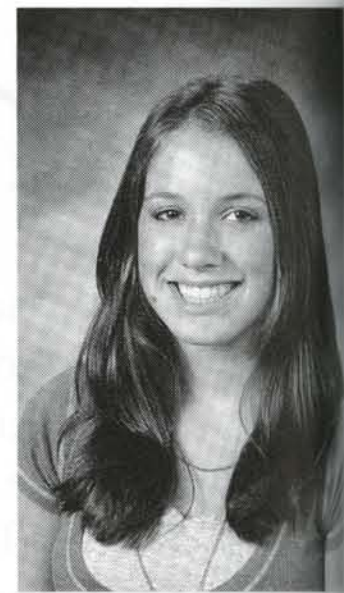
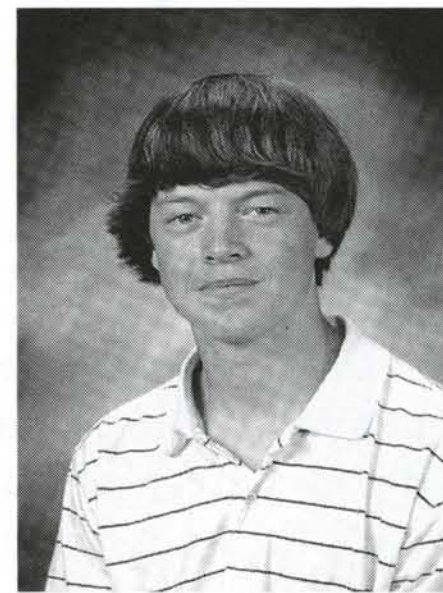
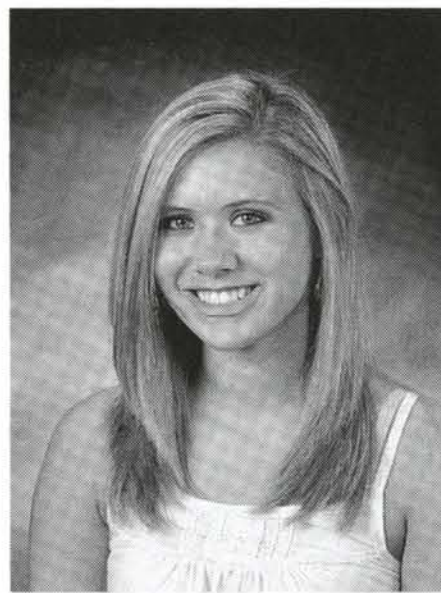
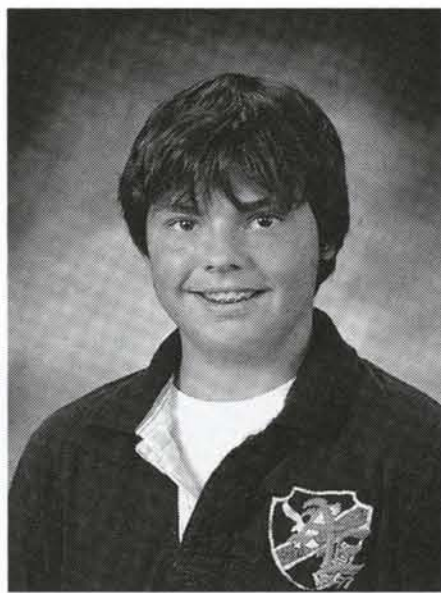
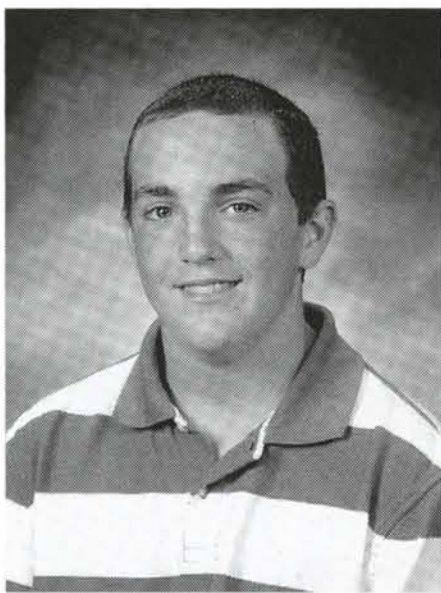
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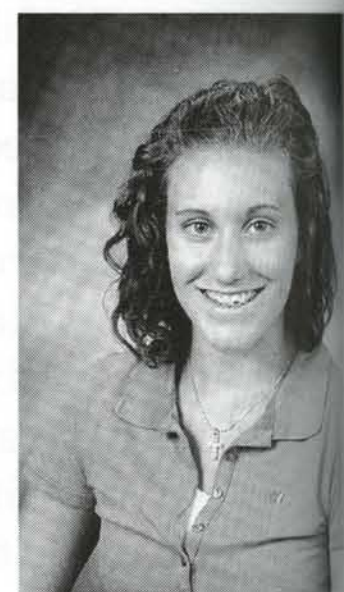
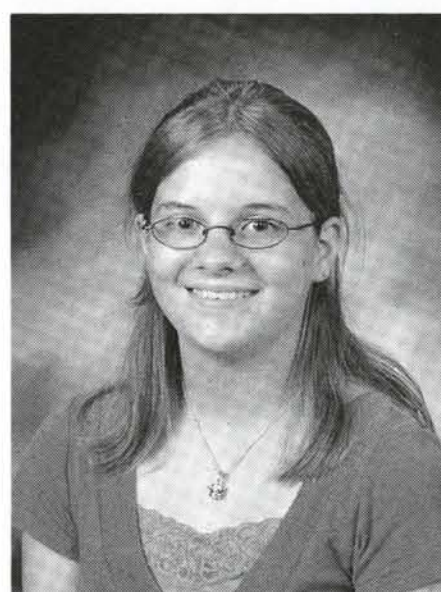
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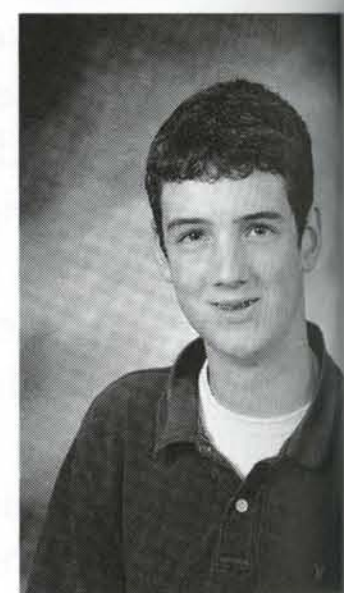
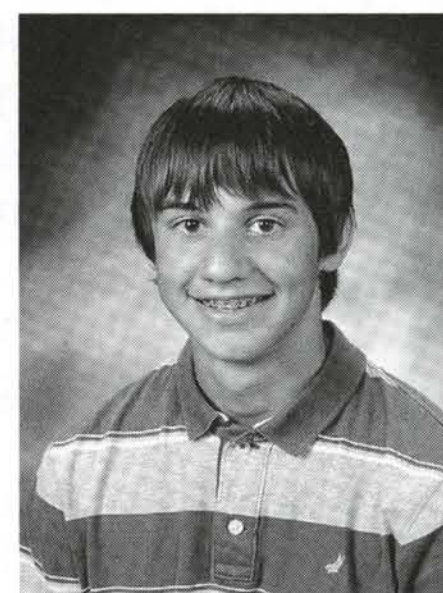
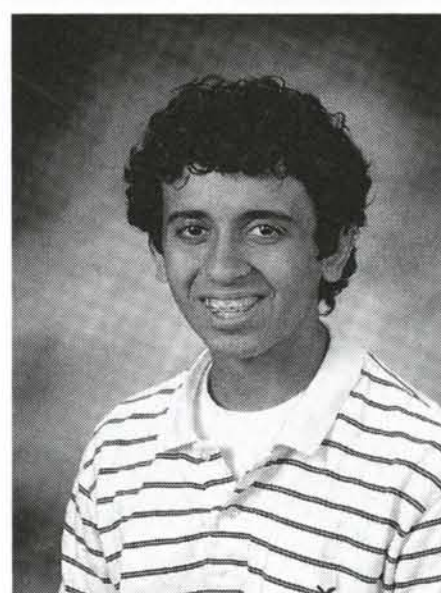
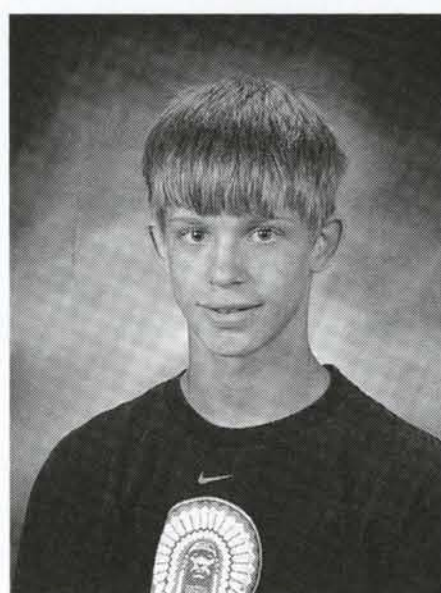
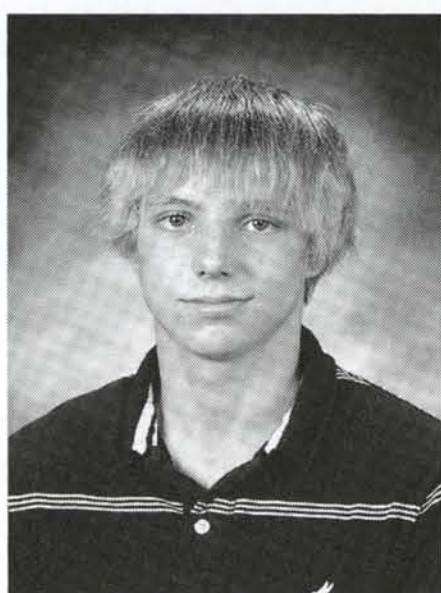
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# Leading Lady

By: Rachel Solava

Coming into high school is an intimidating step in many people's lives. The situation can become even scarier for freshmen when they are competing against talented upperclassmen. This was the position freshman Lynn Burkhead found herself in, but she wowed and surprised many with her performance in the fall play, "The Tempest."

"I was so nervous that I wouldn't be able to pull off the lines or the character," Burkhead said.

She had no reason to worry; her theater experiences at Kingsley Jr. High prepared her well. She knew from the beginning she wanted to be involved in U-High's theater department.

"I knew about all of U-High's talented actors and their reputations for putting on a good show, I thought that I'd give it a shot," Burkhead said.

"The Tempest" gave Burkhead that opportunity.

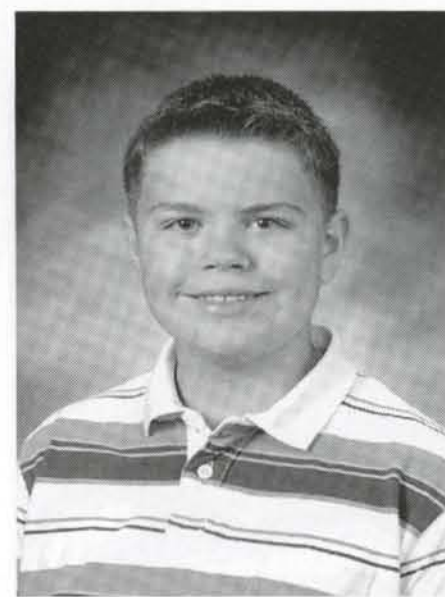
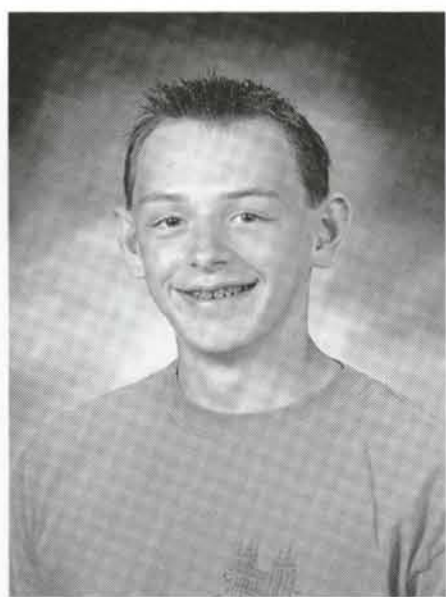
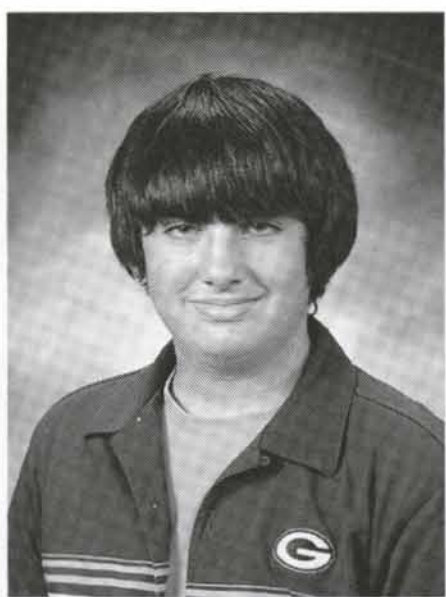
She was cast as Miranda, one of the two female leads in the show.

"The best part of 'The Tempest' was getting to know everyone involved. I must say, I've never been in a production with more encouraging and accepting cast members than in this show. They really made me feel like I belonged," Burkhead said.

She was also cast in the spring musical, "Kiss Me Kate." This was her first experience with musical theater and she thoroughly enjoyed herself. Burkhead is looking forward to the next three years full of dramatic performances and memorable times. She loves the variety of characters one can portray.

"In theater, there are very few boundaries within a character. When creating a character, all that you have for inspiration is a little background information. The rest is left up to your creative interpretation," Burkhead said.

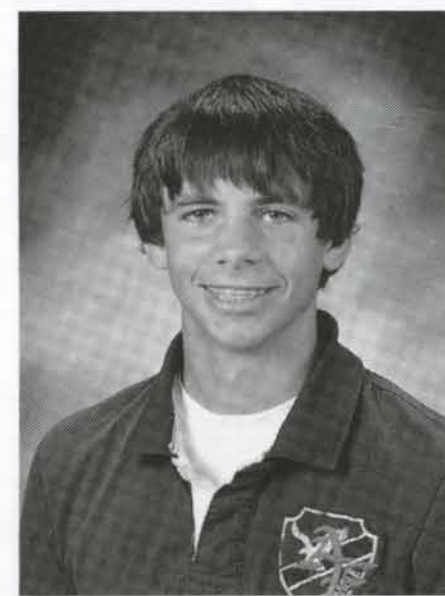
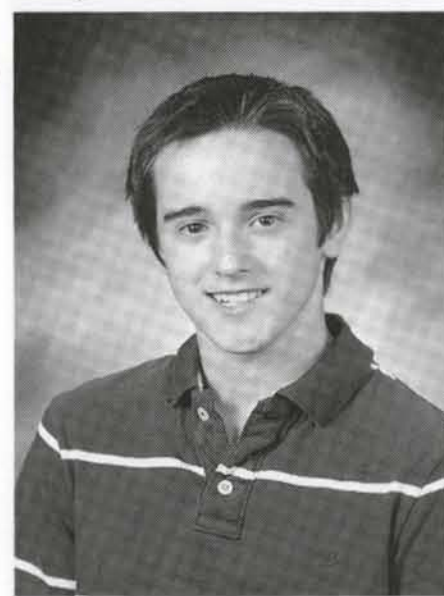
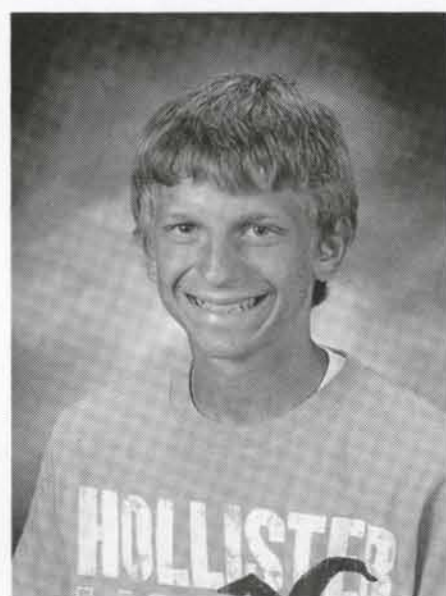




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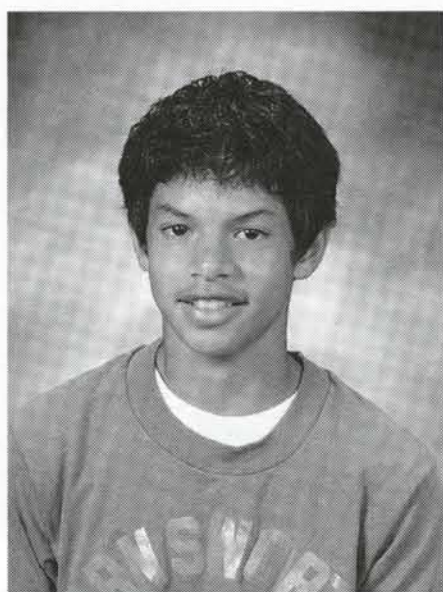
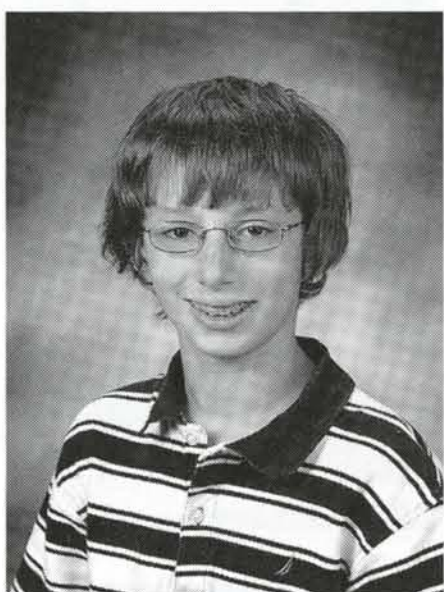
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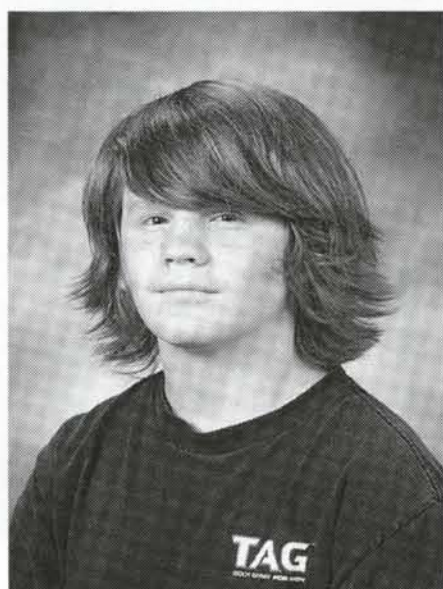
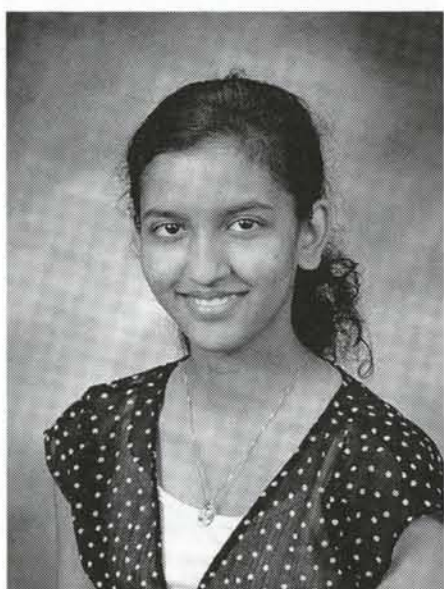
Freshman Lynn  
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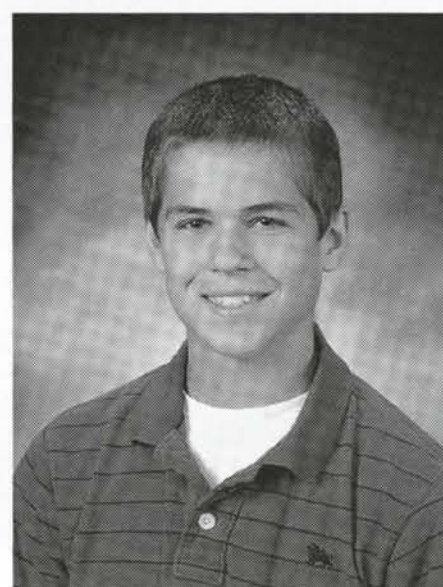
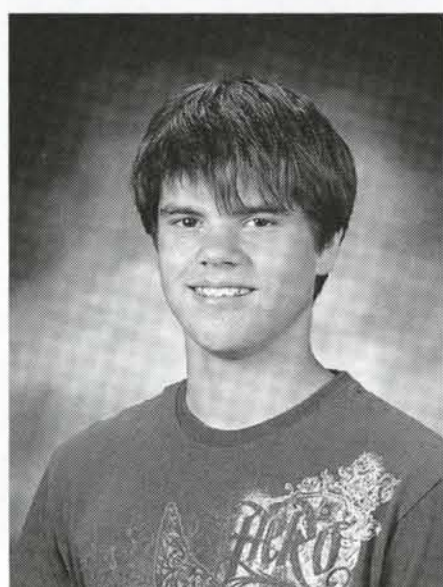
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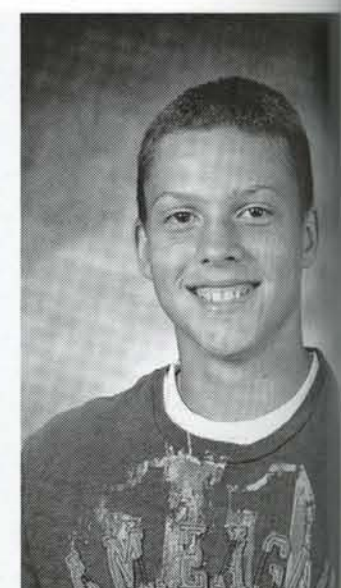
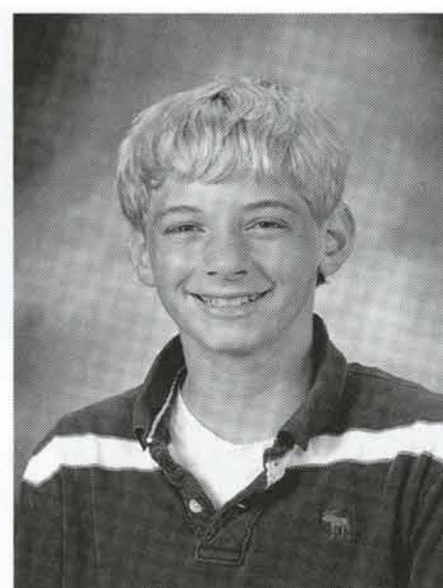
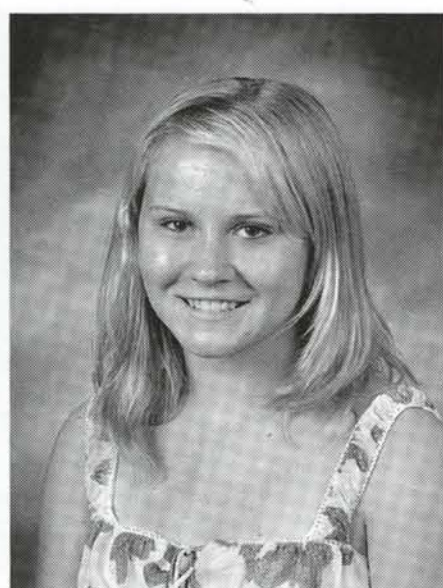
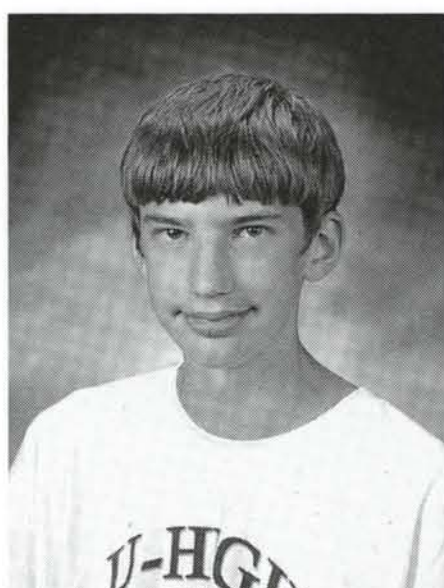
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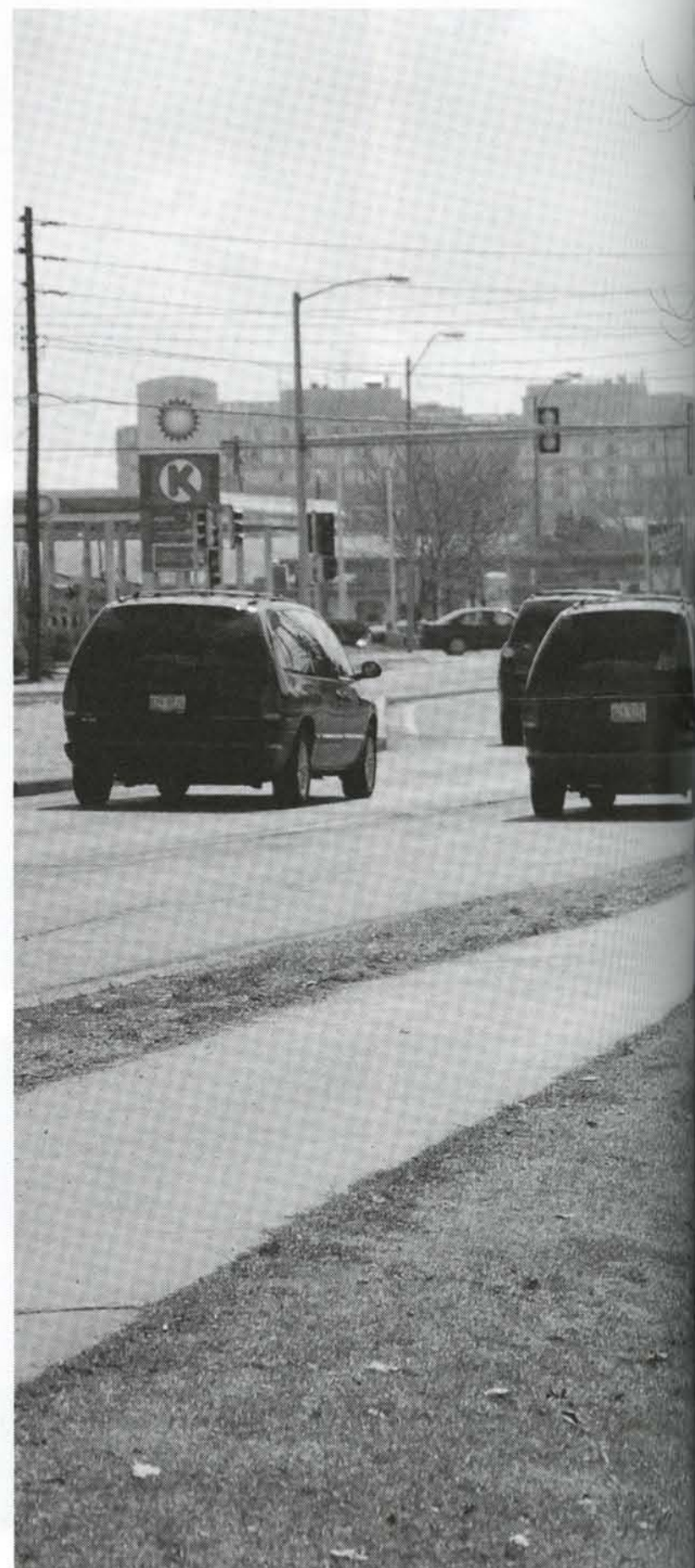
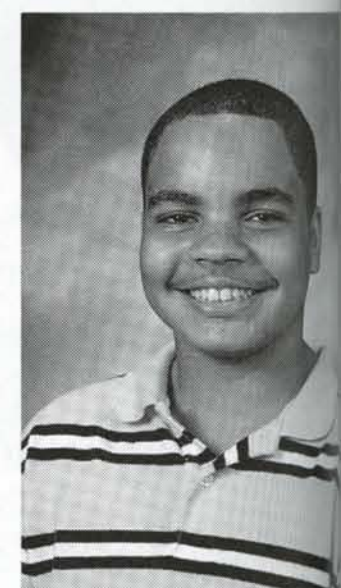
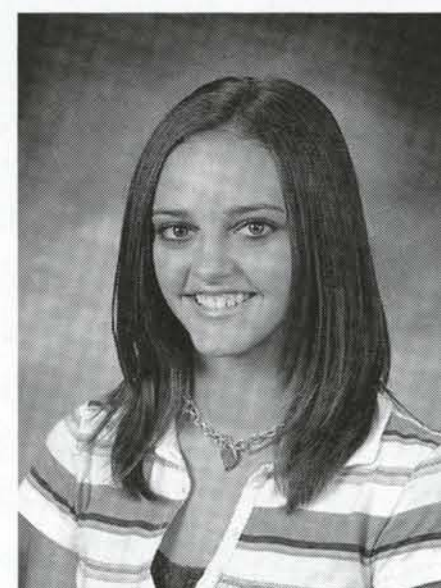
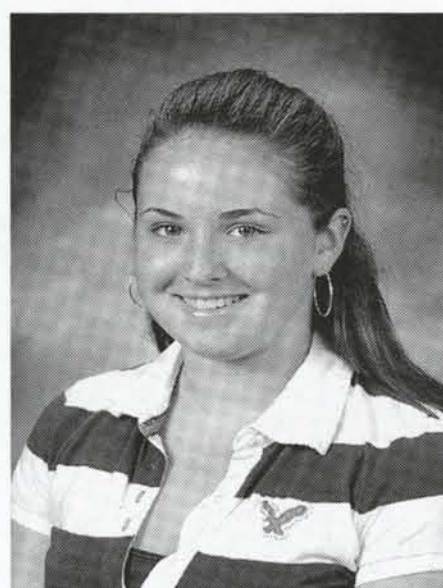
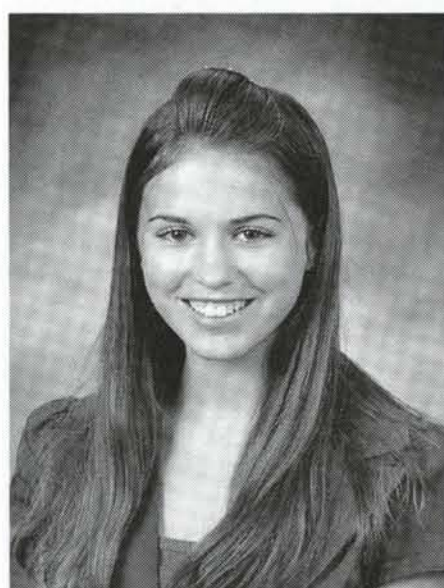
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# News Flash

By: Sarah Capodice

As students returned from their spring break, they were greeted by something shiny, new, and relatively high tech: a new U-High sign.

The new sign was erected on the east side of the building, off of Main Street. It is electronically programmed to scroll through various announcements and updates throughout the day.

Principal Jeff Hill said the old sign was replaced because it was difficult to update it as often as the administration wanted.

"We will now be able to get more relevant information out quickly," Hill said.

The decision to replace the sign was made by the administration team, and was funded by the Boosters committee. Hill said he feels the new sign gives the school a more current and attractive appearance.

The addition of the new sign however, caused a bit of controversy with the students.

Senior Taiyo Wilson decided to voice his opinion by creating a Facebook group called, "I hate U-High's new sign." Within the first week, the group grew to over 100 members of current and past U-High students.

"I think it's nice that we have a new sign, but as far as its appearance, I don't really like it," Wilson said. "It doesn't really match our school at all."

Wilson and the numerous students who agree with him said they would have preferred something more classic looking.

Not all students are opposed to the new sign, though. Junior Jake Todino prefers the new sign, and said it looks cleaner than the old one.

"People probably don't like the new sign because it's new," Todino said. "People just don't like change."

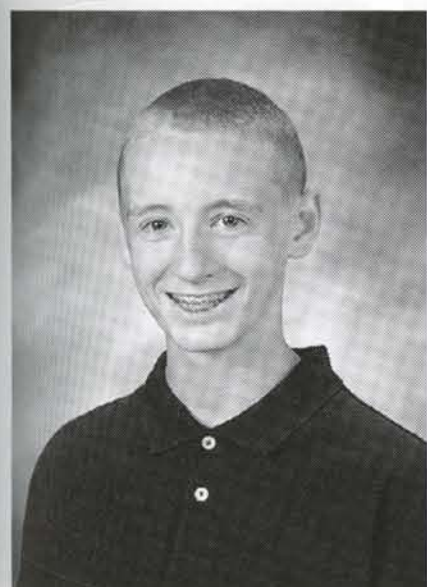
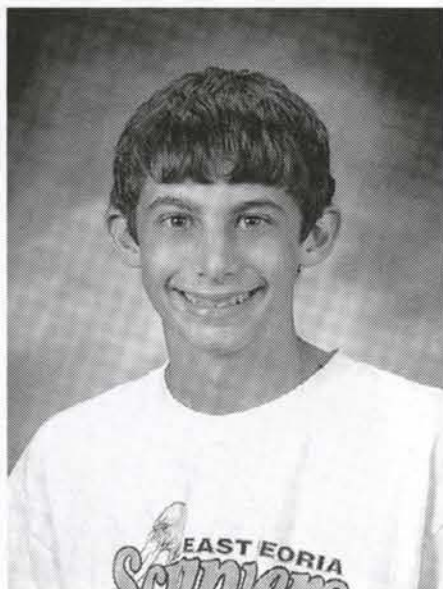
Regardless of whether or not the students enjoy the new addition, the sign will become an official part of U-High.

Above: Traffic drives by the new sign on Main St. outside of U-High.

Photo by Bryant Carlson



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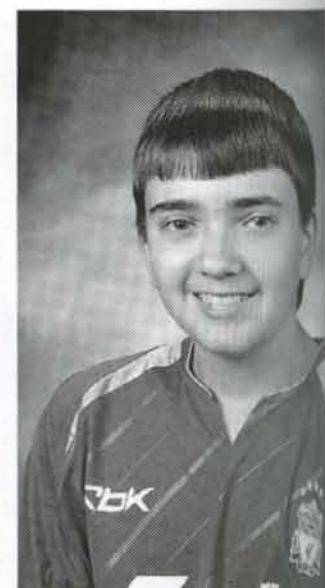
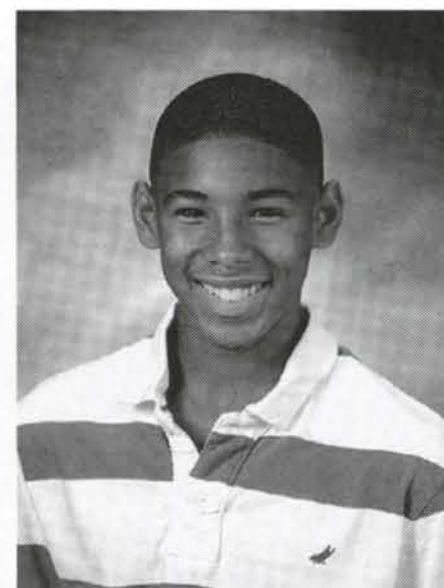
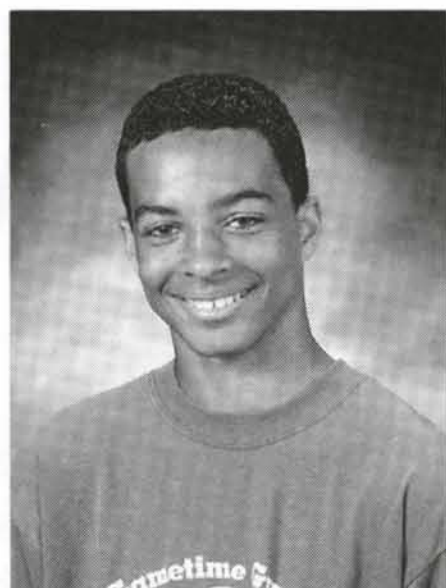
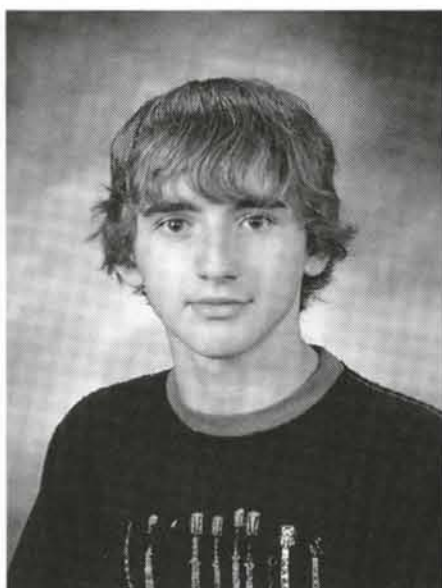


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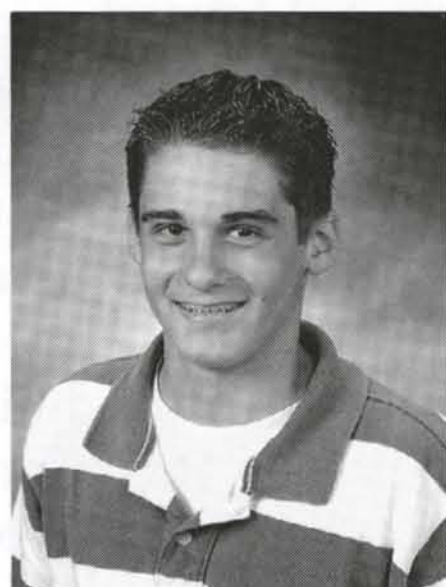
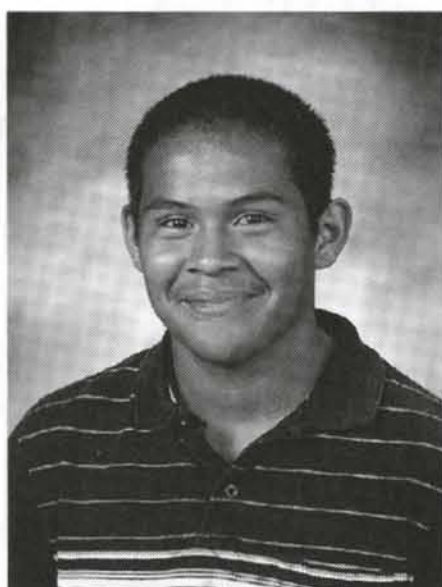




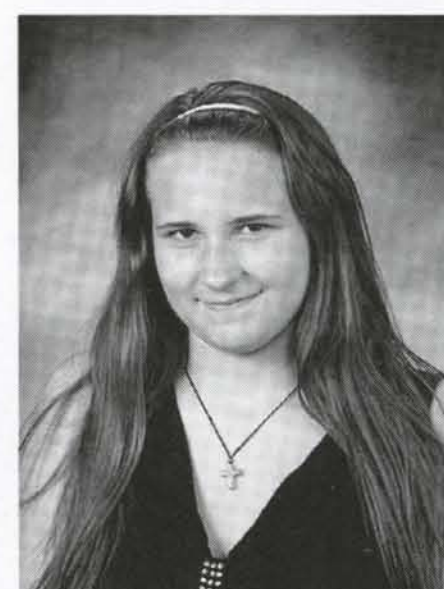
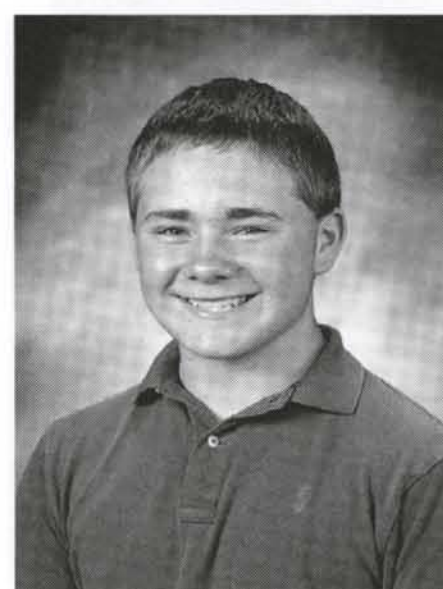
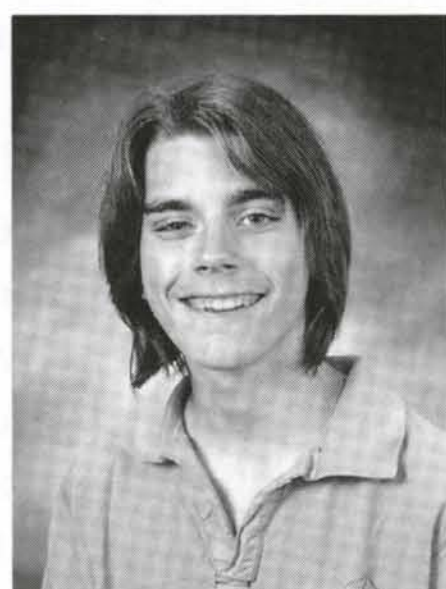
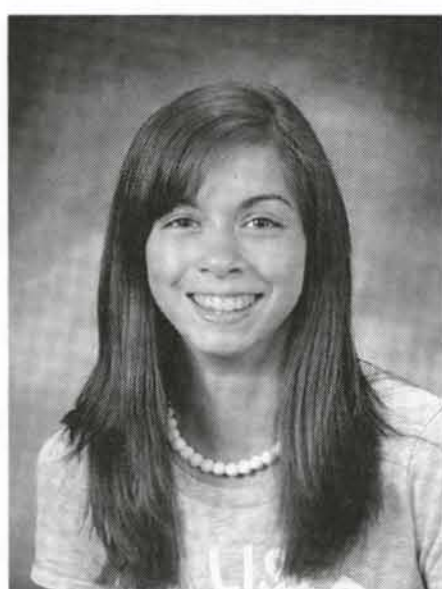
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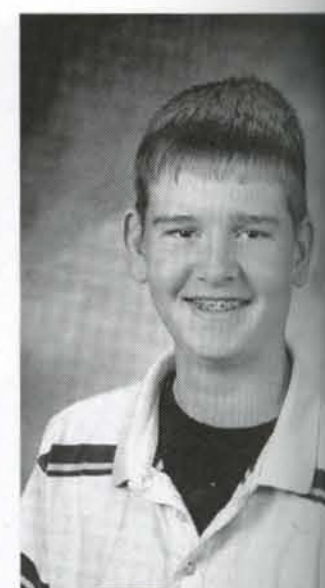
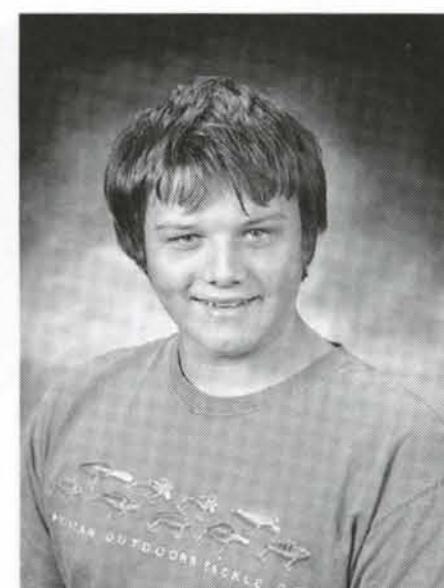
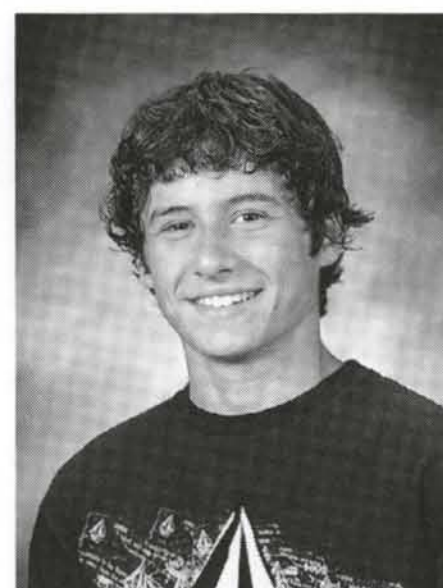
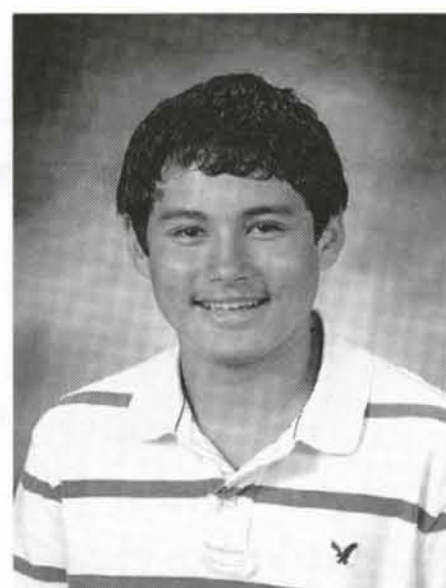
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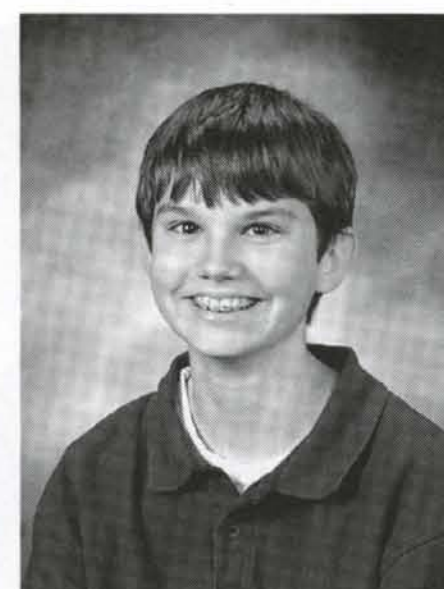
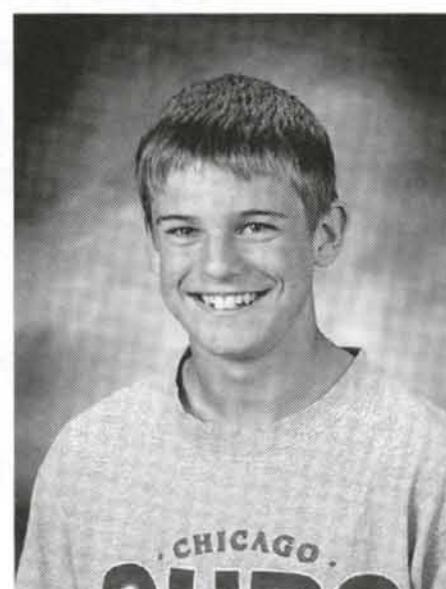
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# Fresh Advice

By: Kevin Rotsch

A five page paper is a daunting task for most people and for a freshman in high school it seems impossible.

"I was overwhelmed, I didn't think I could do it," freshman Brian Tanaka said.

Enter Dr. Marc Aronson, author of 12 nonfiction books for teens. He guided the freshman in writing their research papers. Most times Aronson meets with high school students he would see them for an hour or two at an assembly and never see them again. This time he wanted more.

"I wanted to interact with the kids more and help them along the way of their journey," Aronson said.

Aronson was given a week to work with the students and help them with the assignment at hand. He worked with students one on one as well as giving lectures to the entire freshman class. The freshman appreciated his presence at U-High.

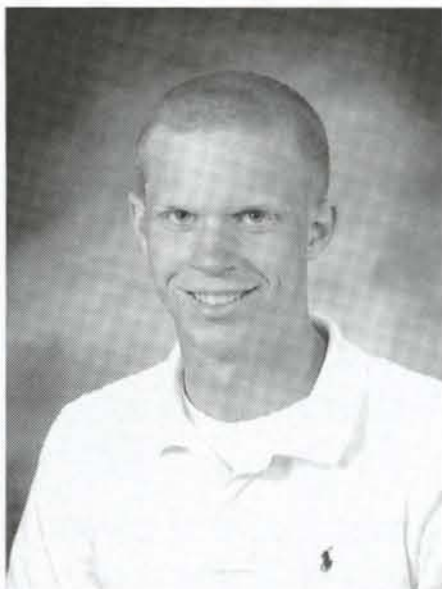
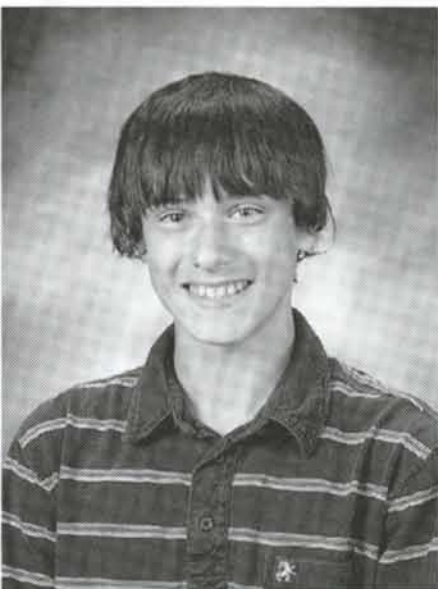
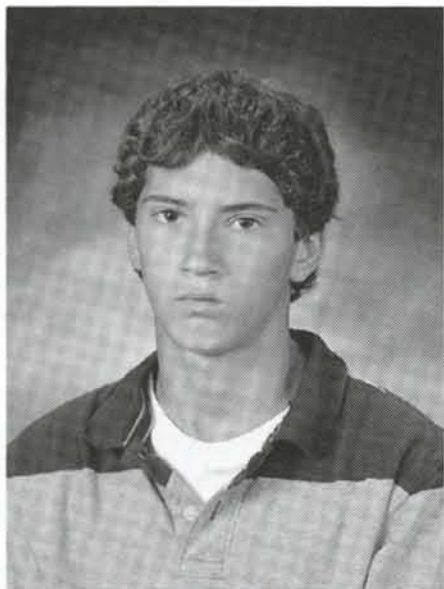
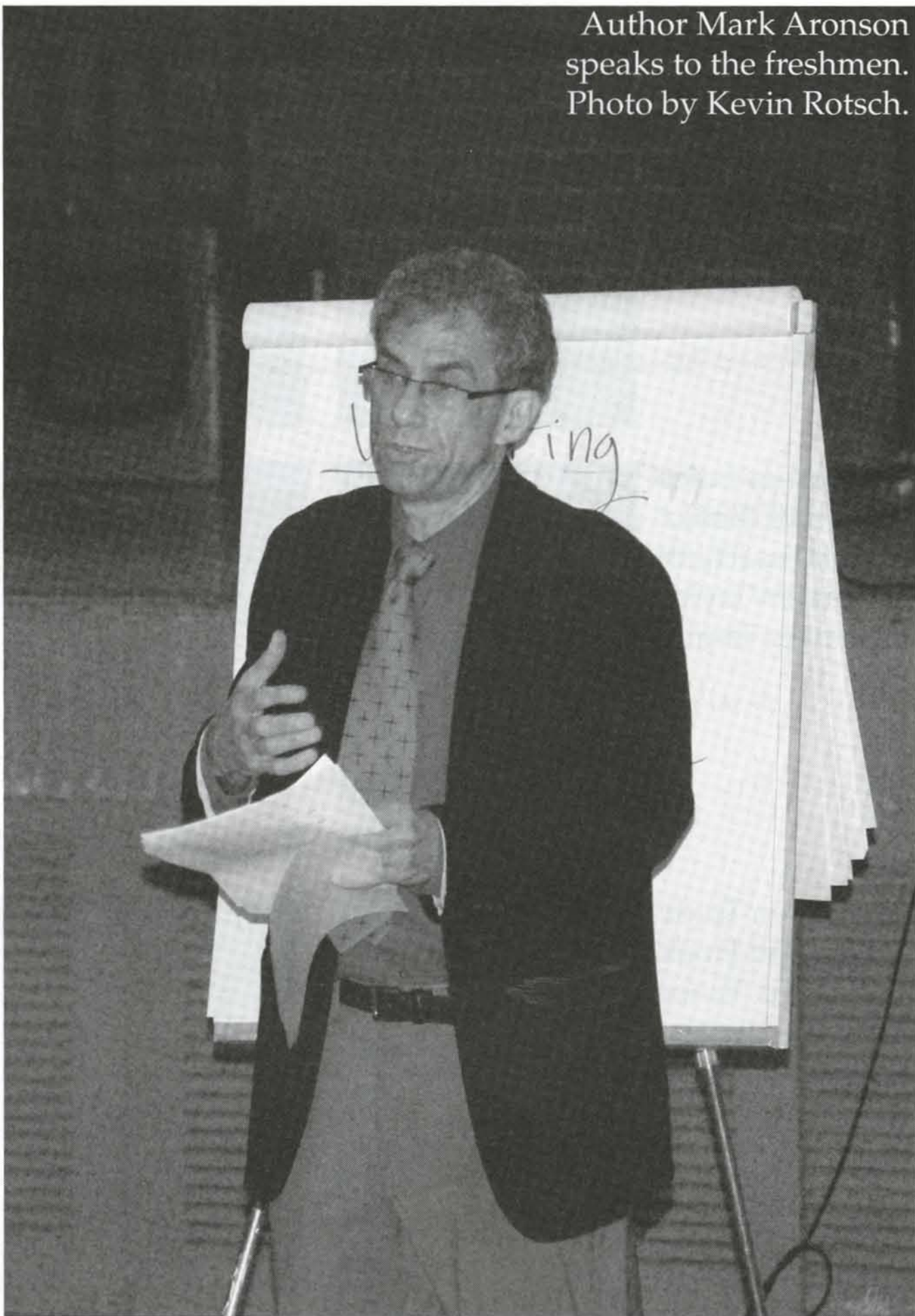
"He was a very smart guy," freshman Josh Ayers said. "He gave me really good advice."

Aronson accepted the challenge in stride and with a smile on his face. With an entire week to interact with students Aronson believed he helped the students a great deal with their challenging work.

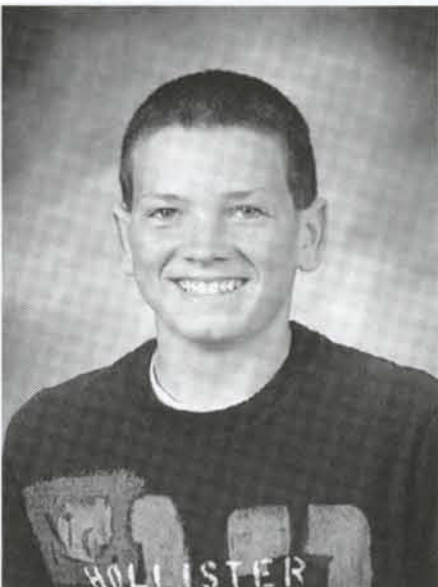
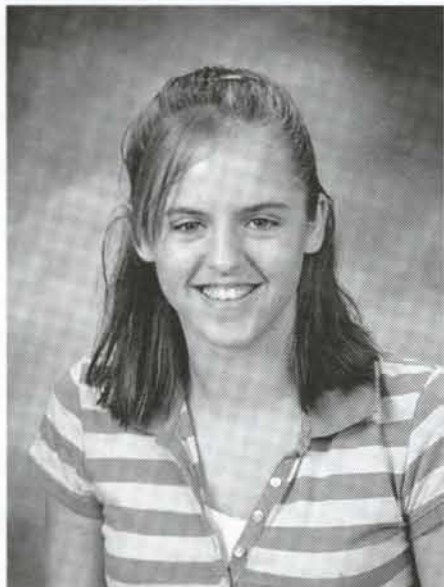
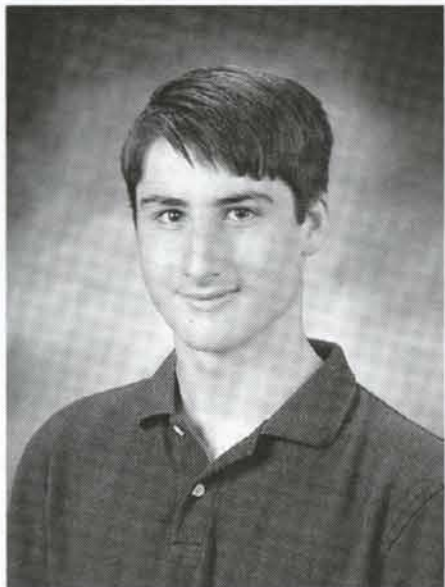
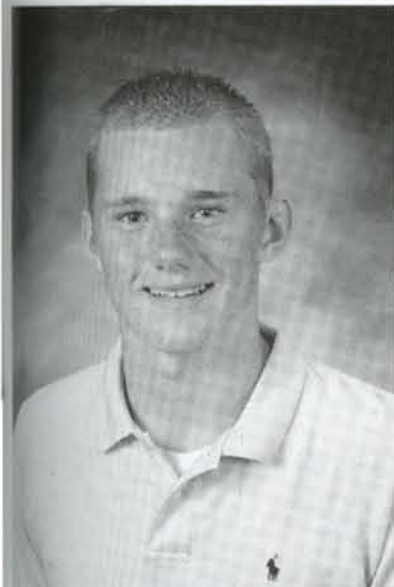
"Creating and defending a thesis is college level work and for freshman in high school to be doing that is truly remarkable," Aronson said.

In helping out the freshman, Aronson remembered his times as a ninth grader. Though interests have varied over the years he still likes the dedication of the students. He remembers that he "didn't care for politics or perfectionism" when he was 15. Aronson has two boys, ages seven and three and hopes that they will be able to do the same type of challenging work when they are in high school.

Author Mark Aronson speaks to the freshmen. Photo by Kevin Rotsch.



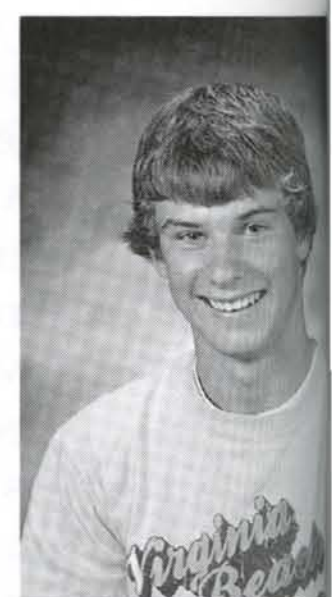
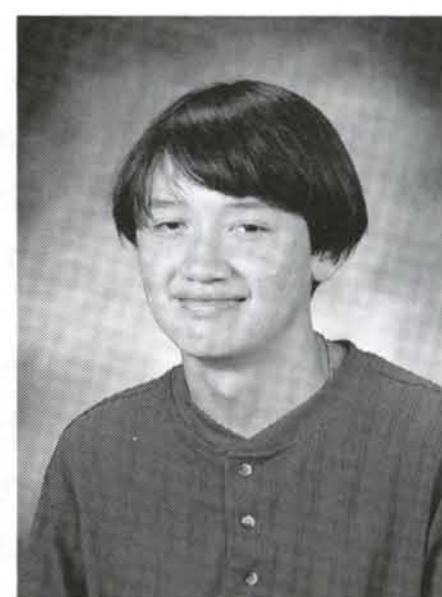
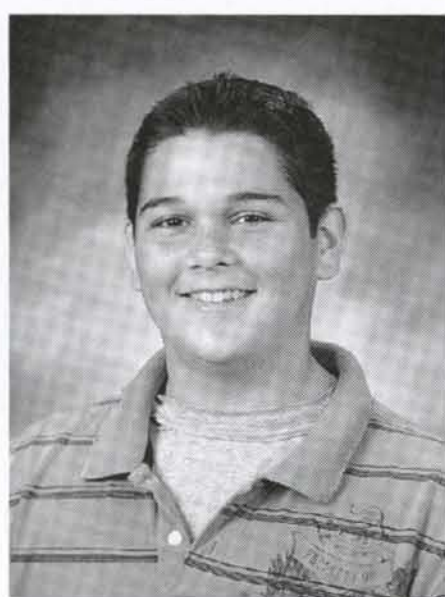
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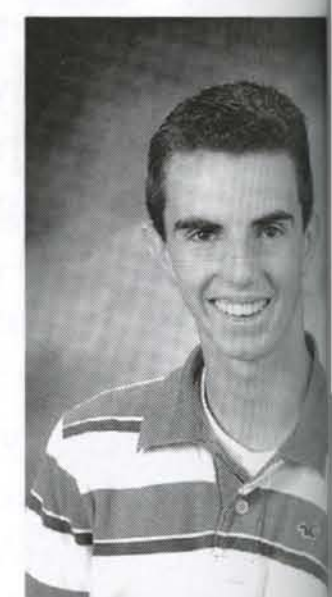
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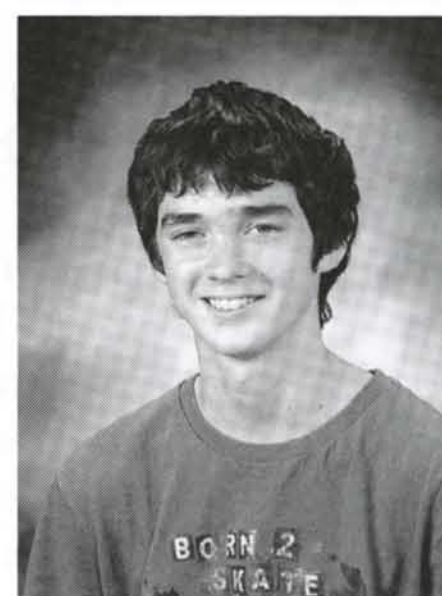
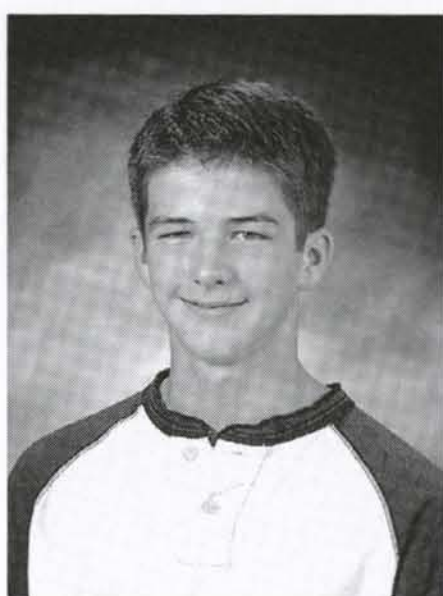
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# Killing the Cliques

By: Katie Zimmerman

A well known line from the ever-famous "Mean Girls" relays the message of what a stereotypical high school lunch room environment might look like.

"You got your freshmen, ROTC guys, preps, J.V. jocks, Asian nerds, cool Asians, varsity jocks, unfriendly black hotties, girls who eat their feelings, girls who don't eat anything, desperate wannabes, burnouts, sexually active band geeks, the greatest people you will ever meet, and the worst. Beware of the plastics..."

The U-High lunch room (better known as The Lounge) does not mirror the on-screen portrayal of what media says every high school should look like.

Of course, there are clear distinctions between groups of friends and it's not like there is no such thing as cliques at U-High. No matter where a person attends school there's no escaping the fact that there are people who tend to stay within their distinct circle of friends. It's inevitable and it's about comfort.

Media does not just imply what the typical high school should look like, but also implies how the typical high school student should act.

Within every clique comes a standard on which to behave. Why do teenagers act the way they do? It's because it's how the media influences the teen image.

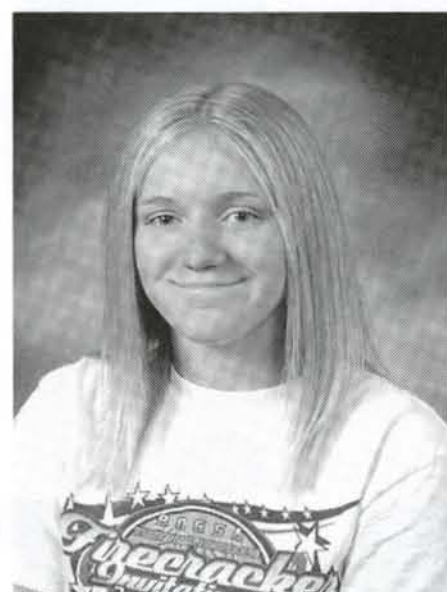
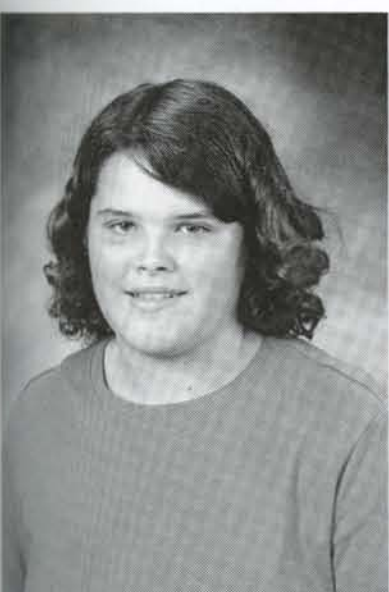
People have a mind of their own and are not just robots of Hollywood's reenactment of teen hood. But the movies have a way of twisting roles and characters that are supposed to be bad and deliver a message that who they are and the way they are acting is wrong; yet still manage to give the impression that their life is glamorous. That of course is appealing to the audience.

Therefore, teens end up playing the role of their favorite character. In some cases, this means Regina George brought to life through your classmates and friends.

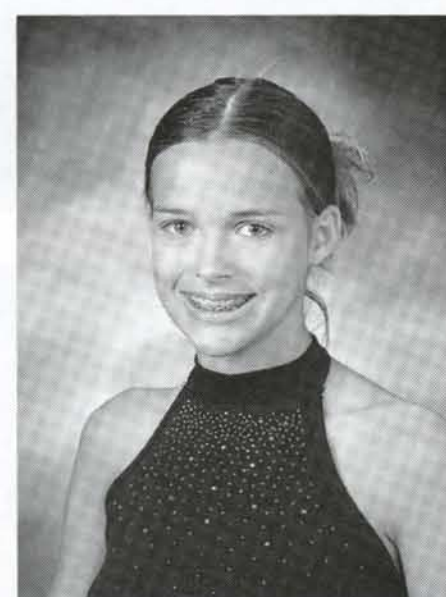
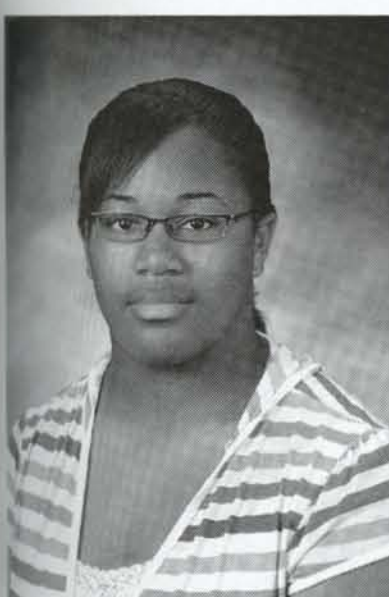
Although there aren't many "Regina George's" at U-High, the same can't be said for future generations. With media growing and teens watching more and more films and TV shows, their minds are being further influenced by what Hollywood has to offer.

Hollywood does not reenact the high school setting; it creates it.

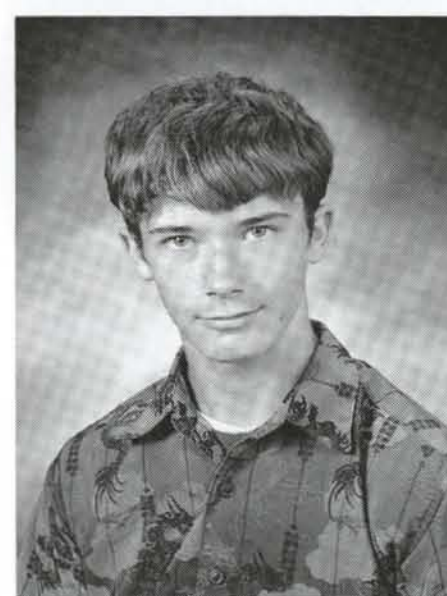
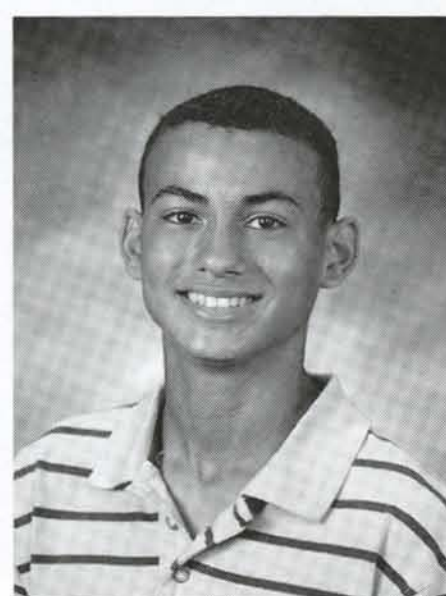




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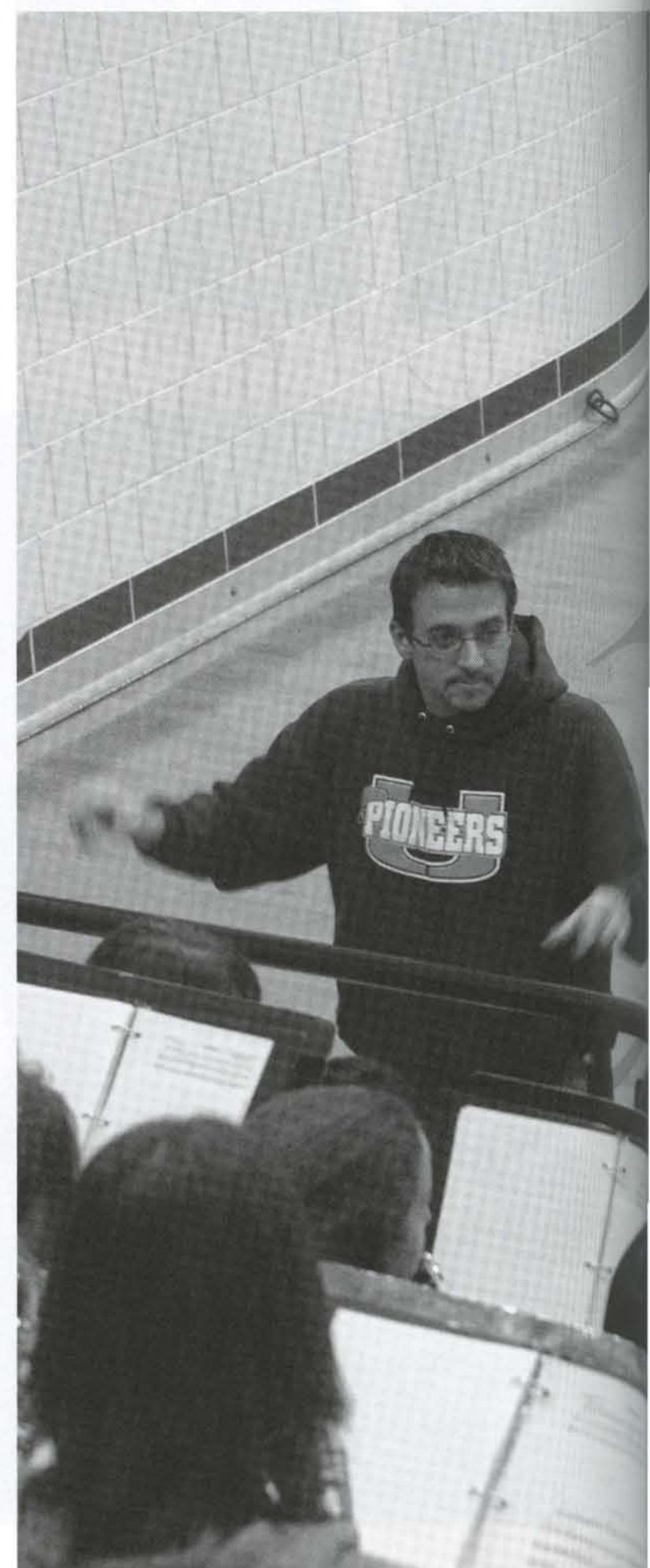
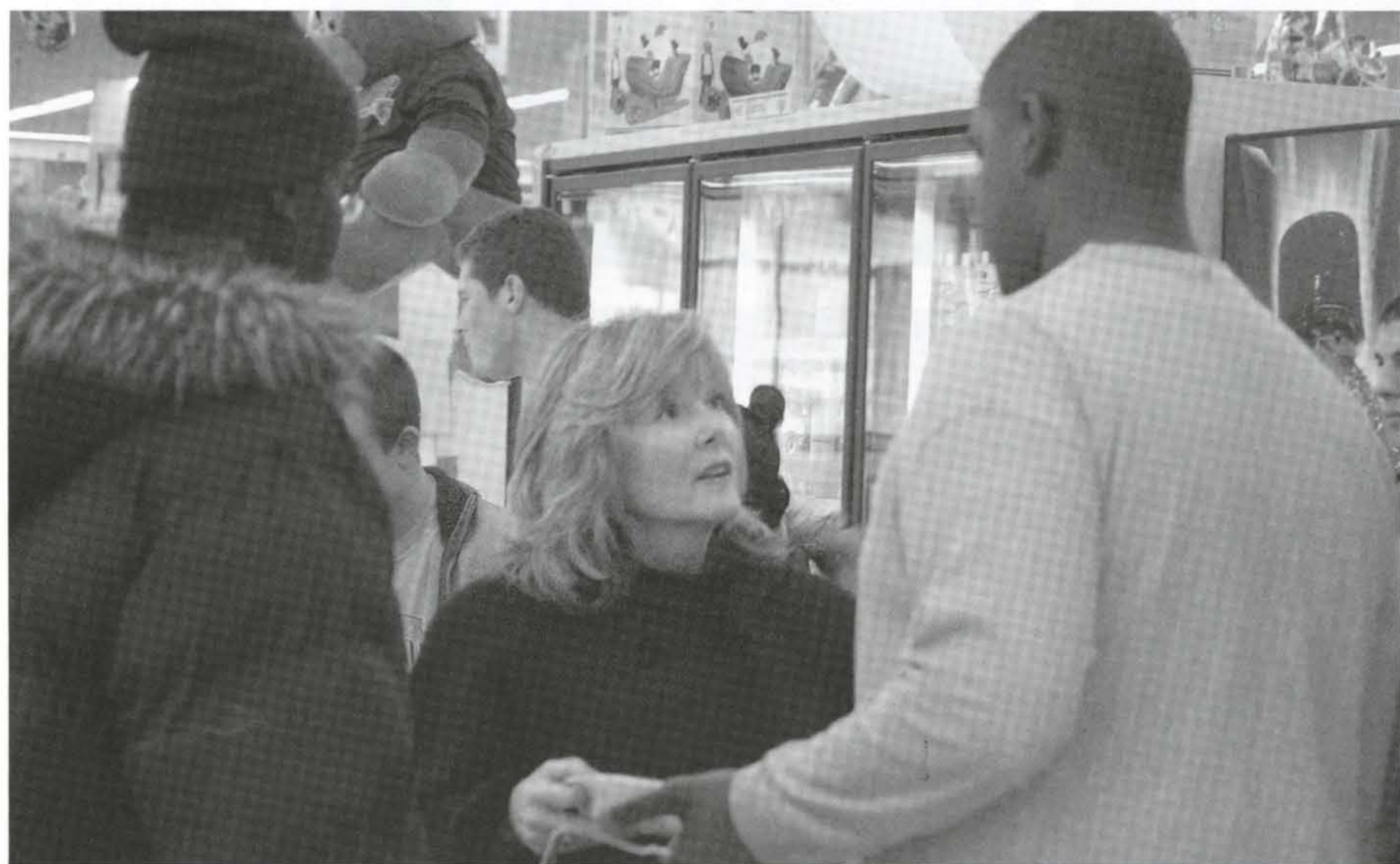
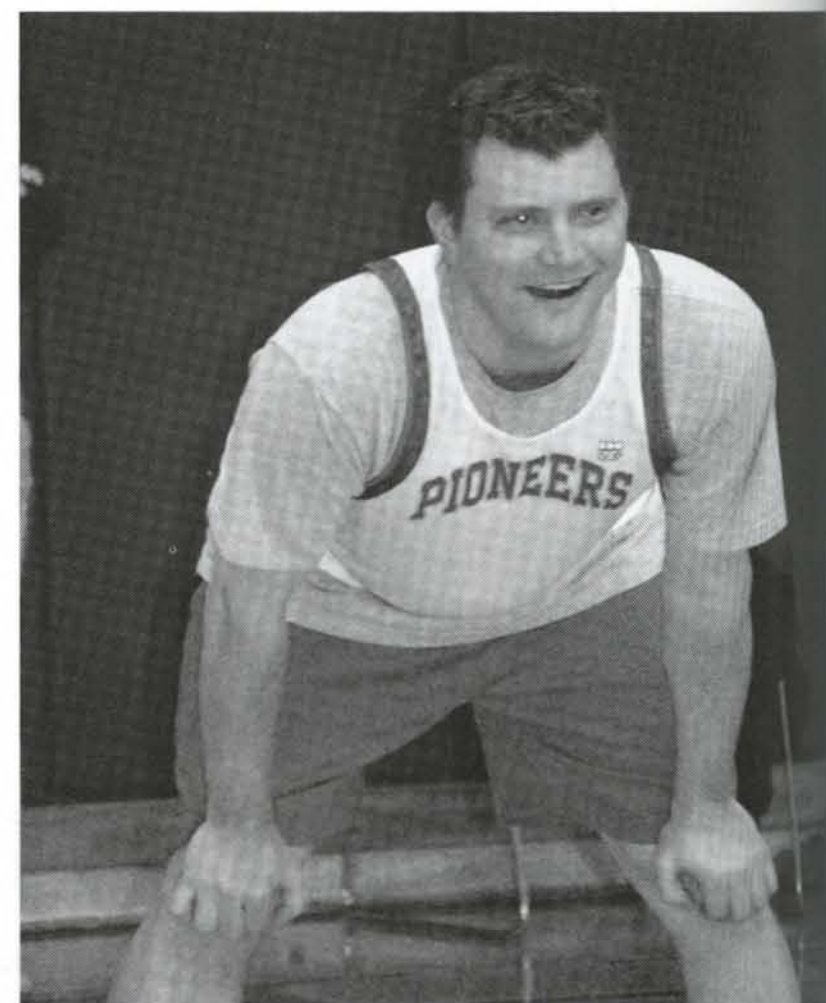
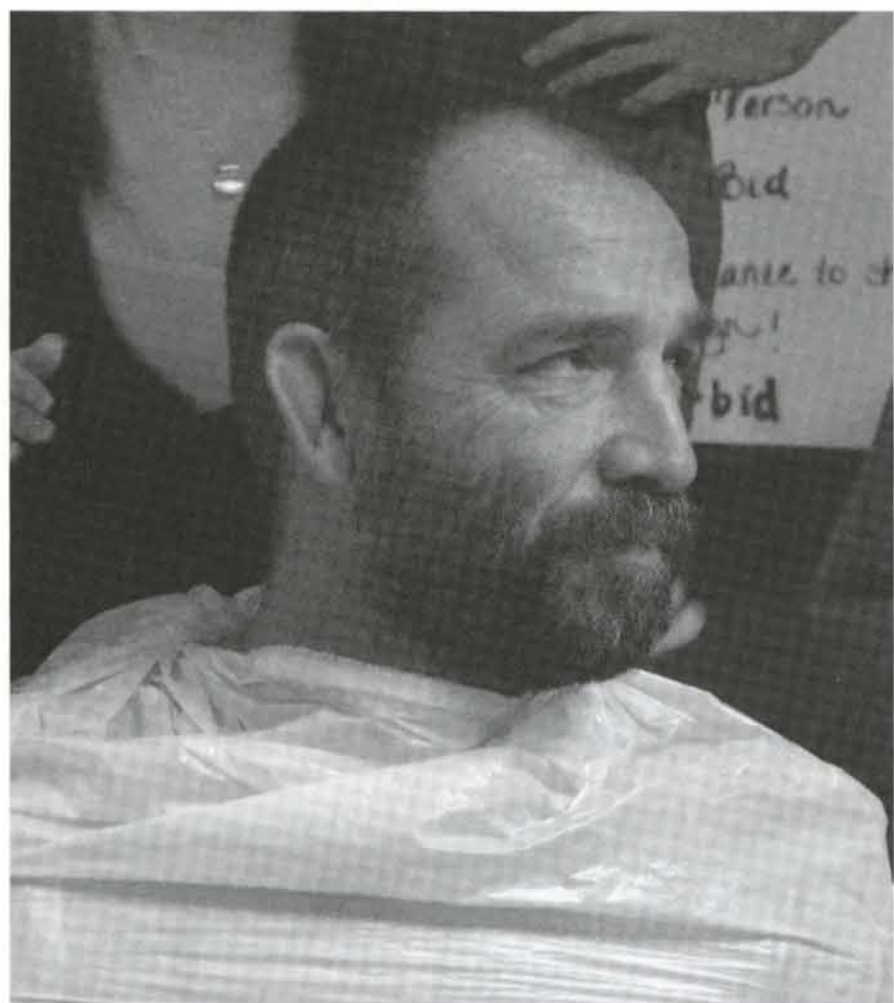
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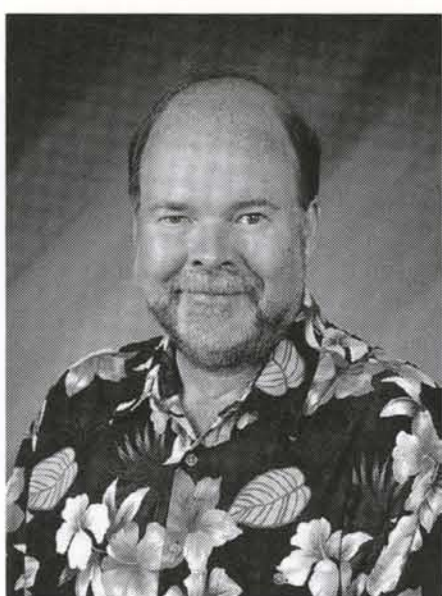
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Faculty photo collage starting at top left clockwise: Mike Troll gets his head shaved for Locks of Love, Chuck Gault reads a book during class, Brian Conant prepares for a game of dodgeball, Chris Corpus makes an announcement at a chorus concert, Jason Landes conducts the pep band during a basketball game, Doris Cropp focuses intently on her computer, Debbie Hubbard helps students buy food at the grocery store.

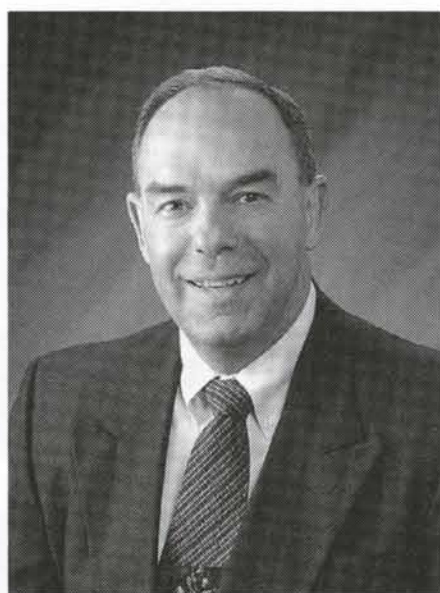
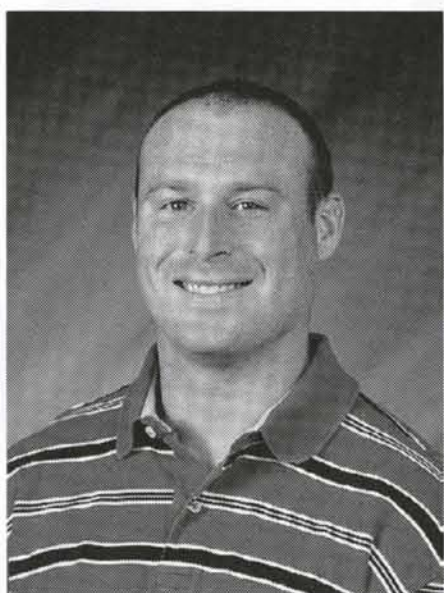
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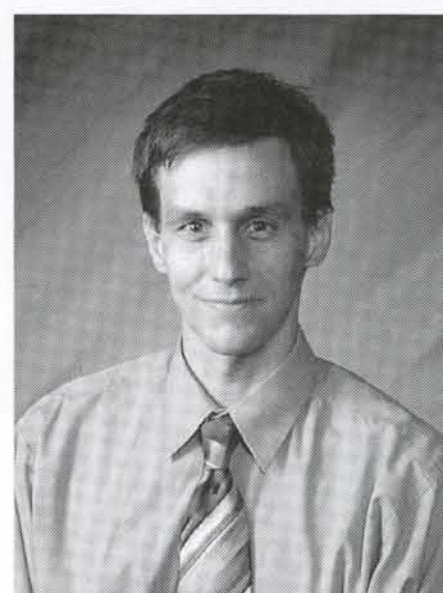
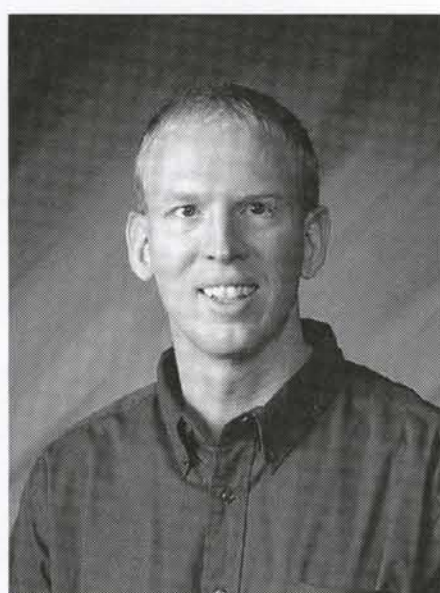
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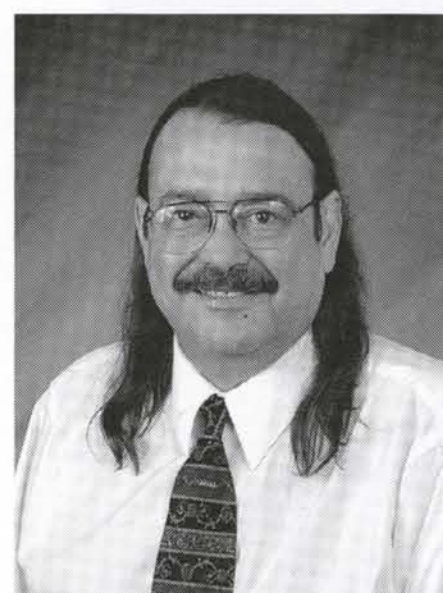
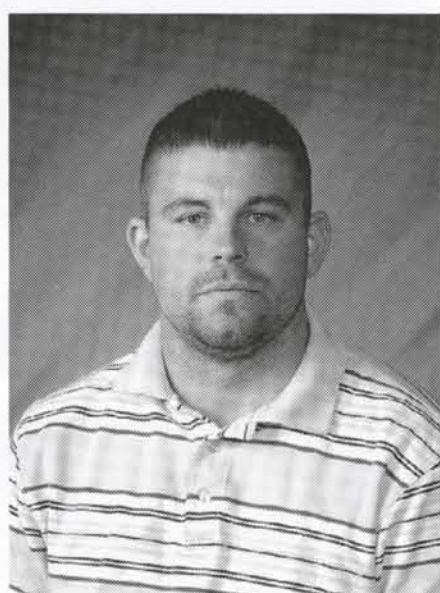
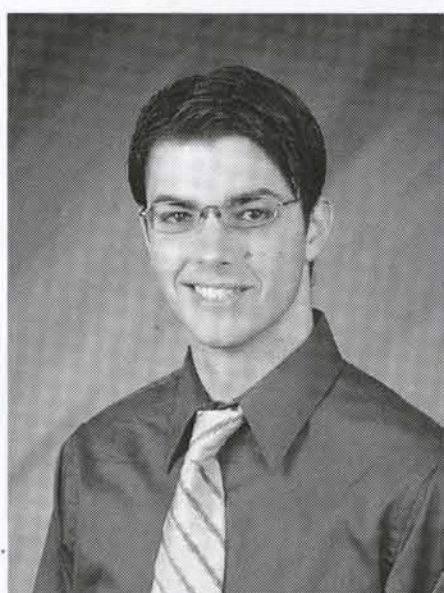
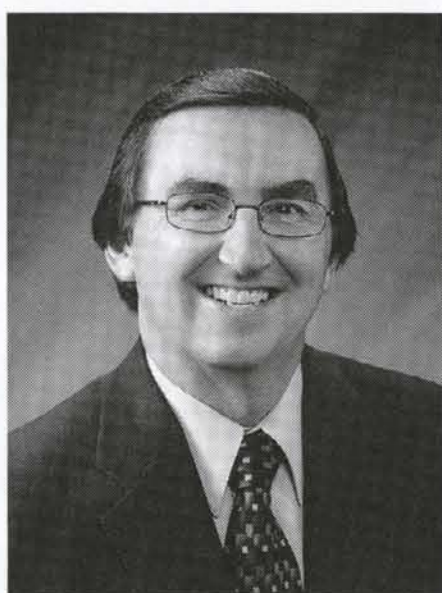
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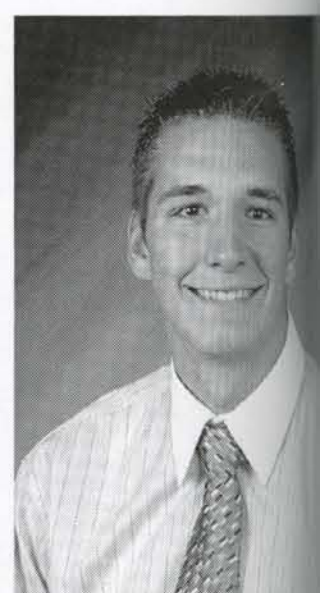
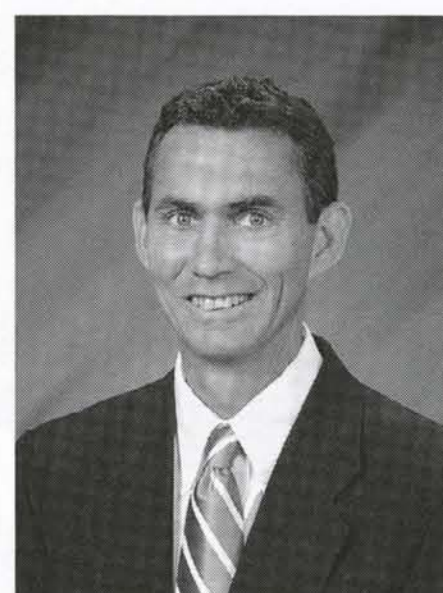
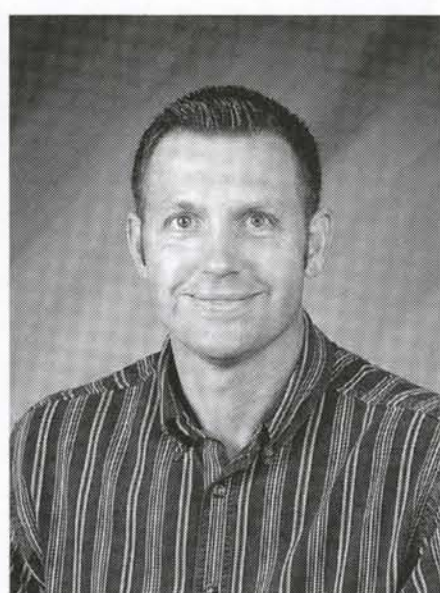
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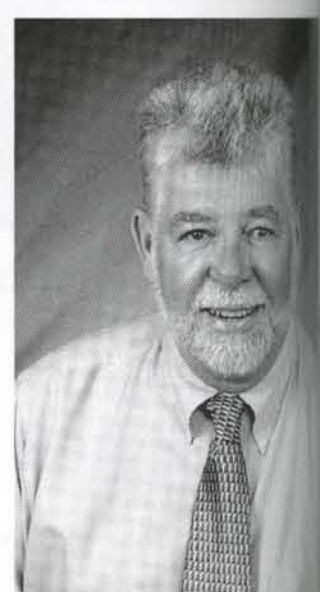
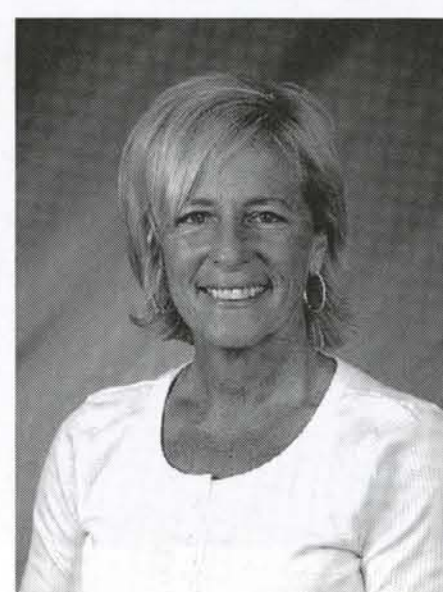
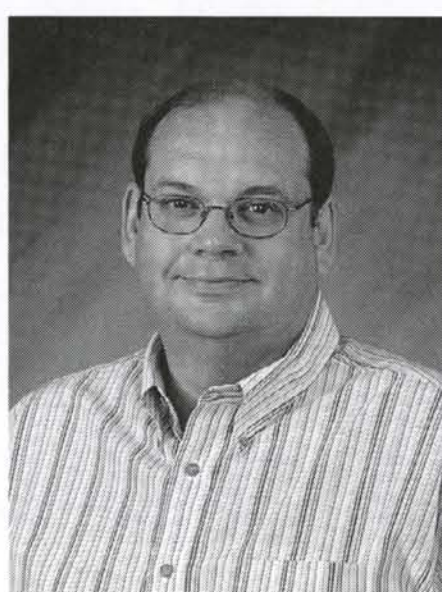
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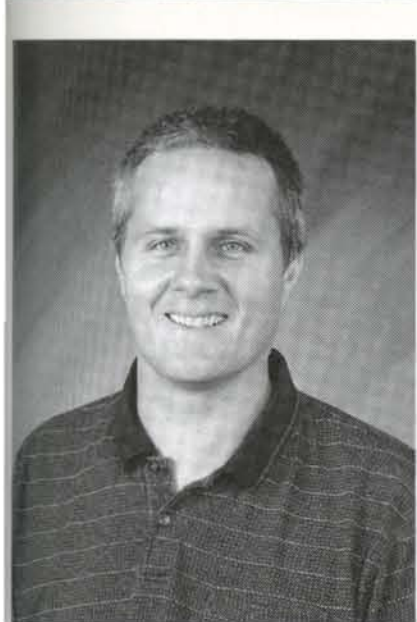
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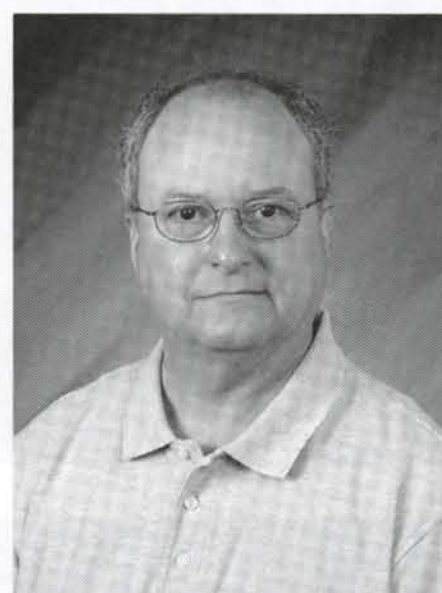
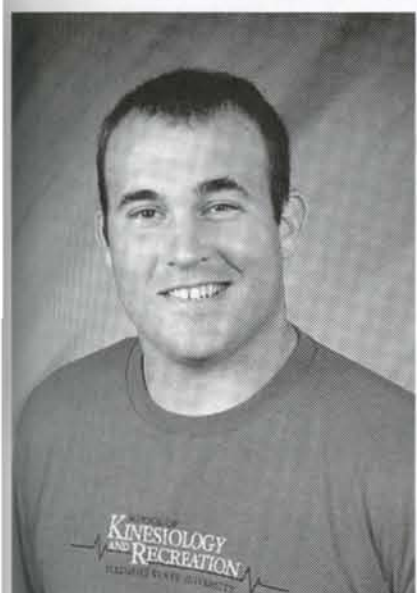
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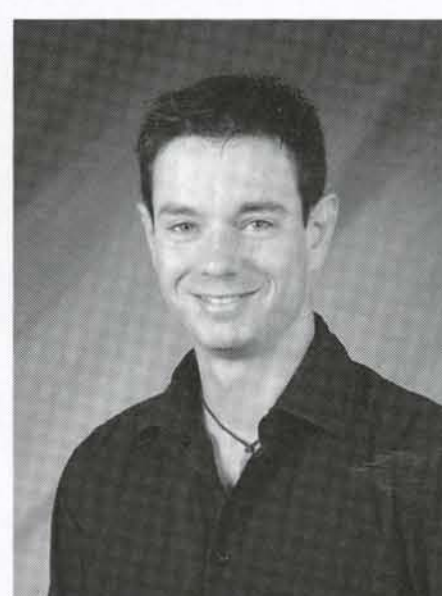




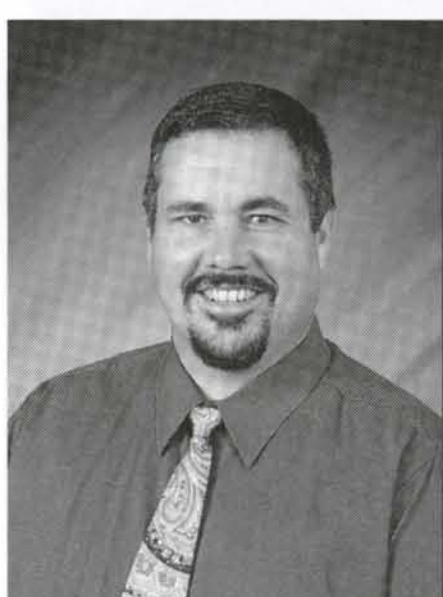
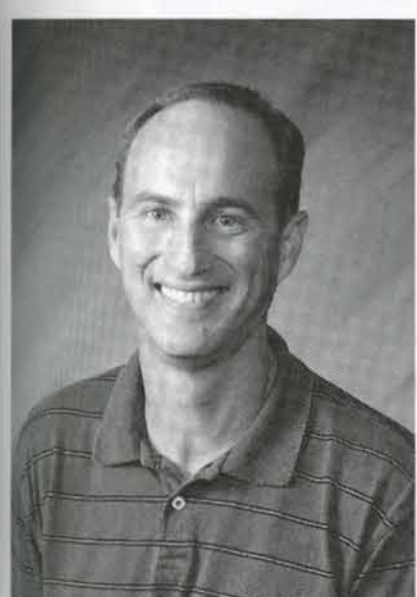
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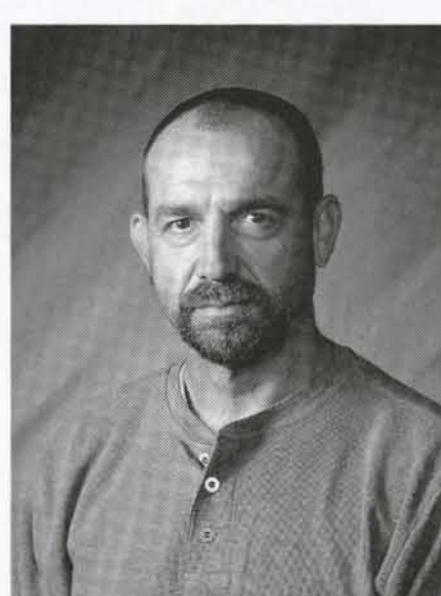
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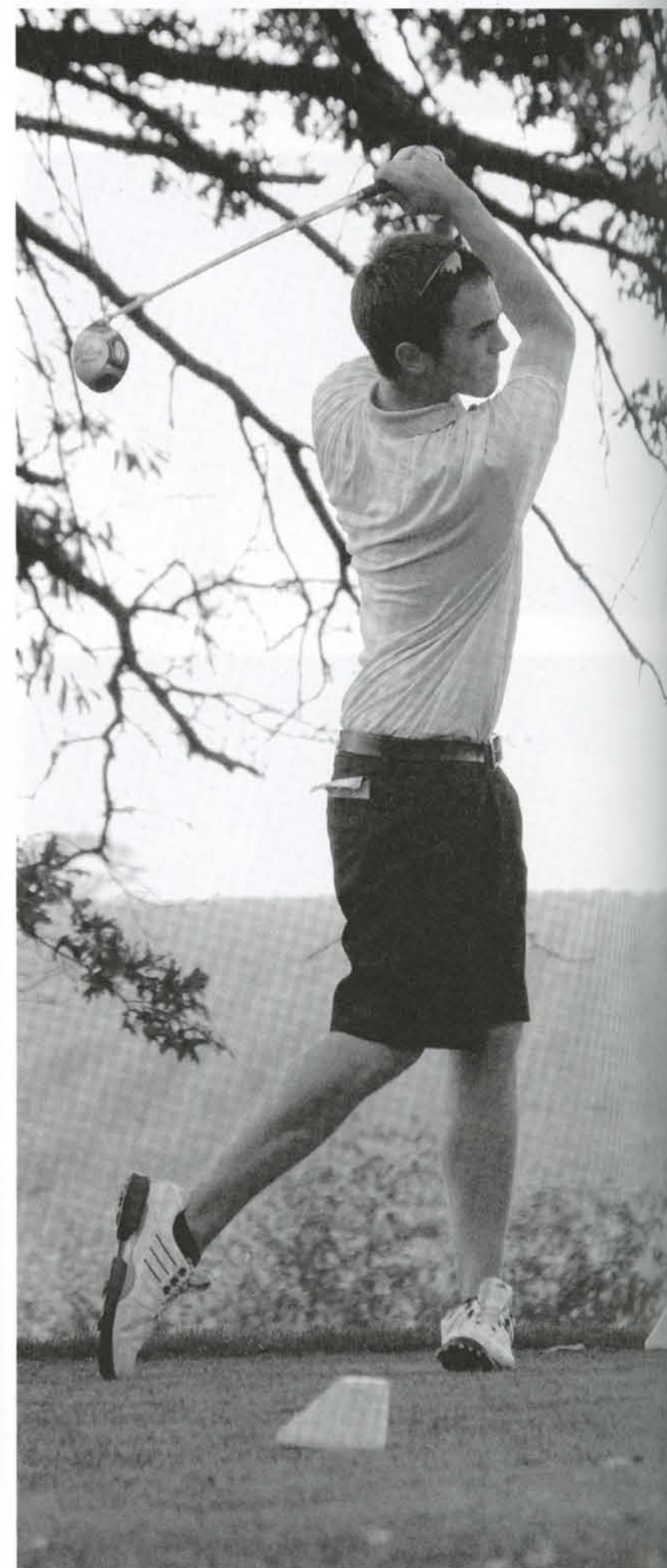
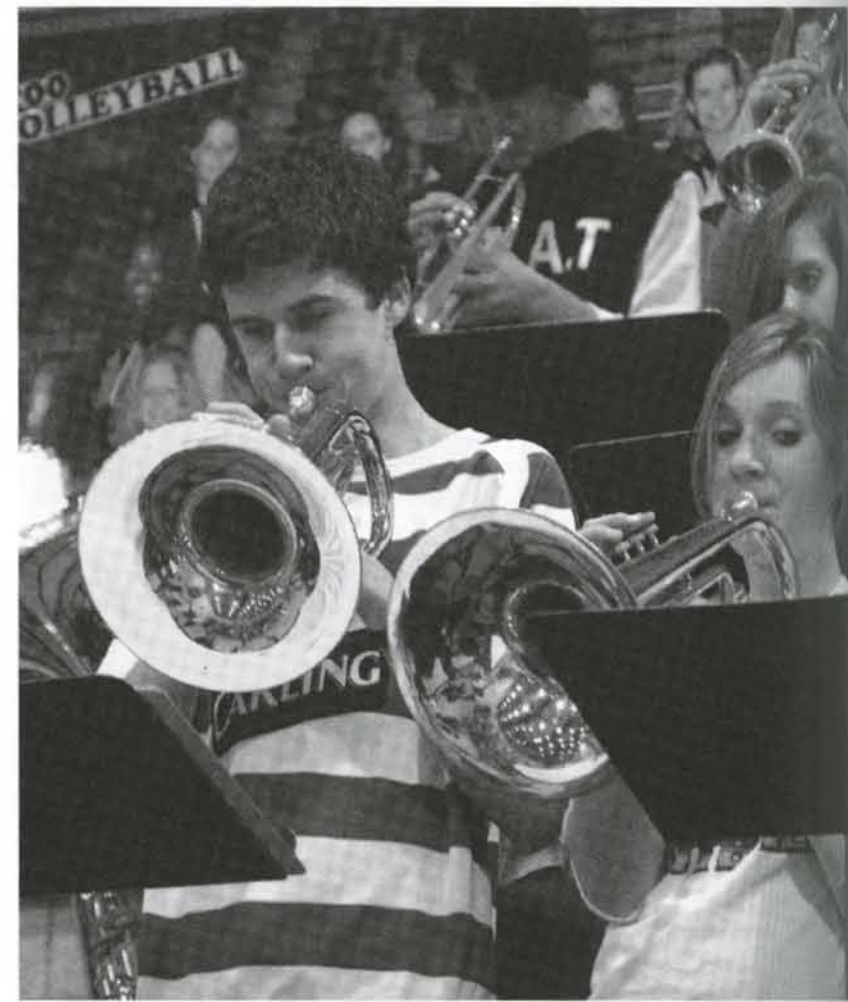
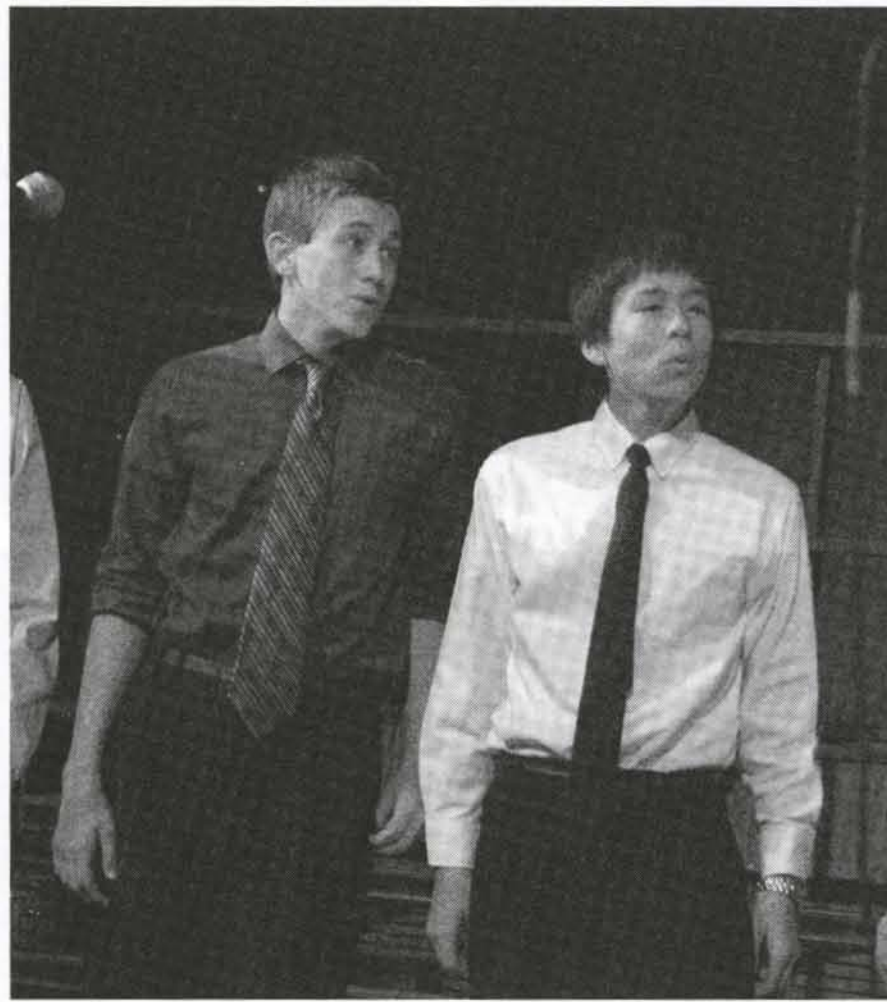
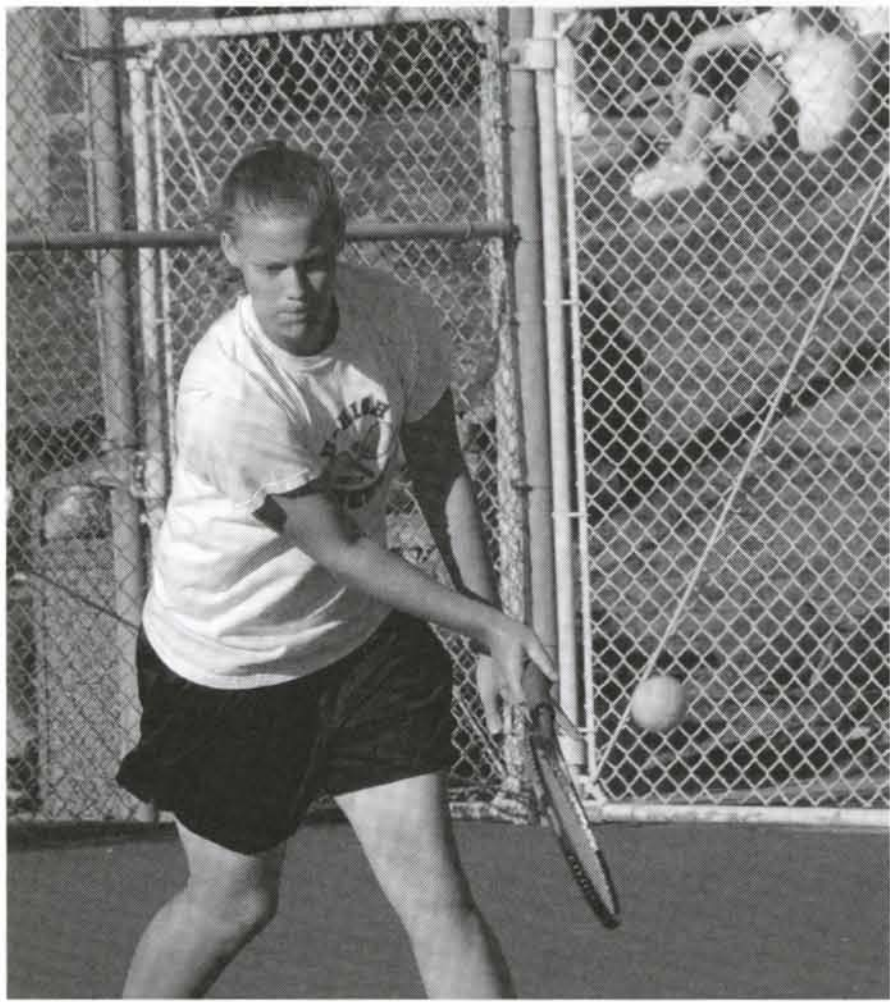


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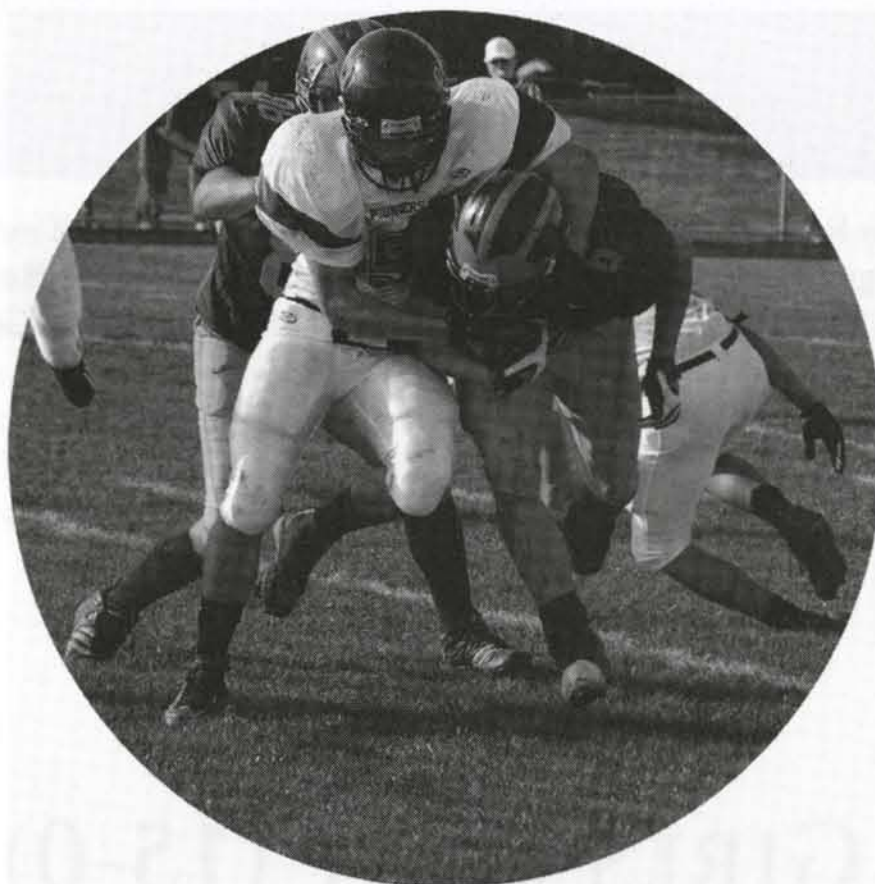
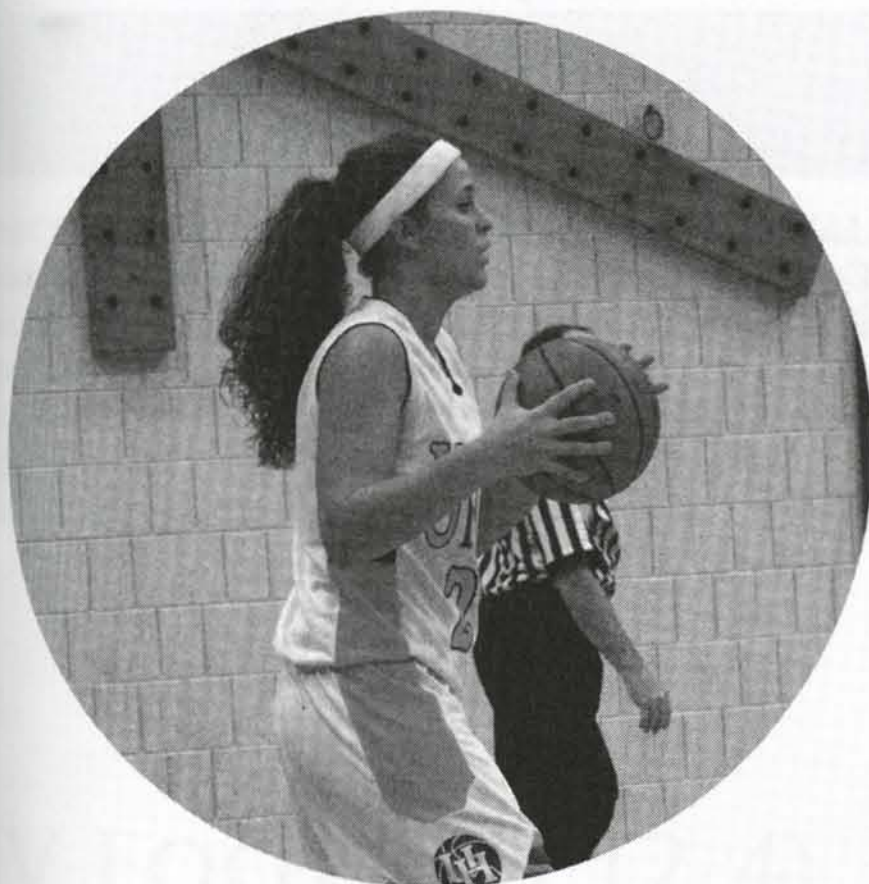
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Circle photos above from left to right: Senior Shelby Martin gets ready for a pass, junior Mike Dopson tackles player during a football game, senior Tim Nash plays at a pep rally.



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9/07/07	Mattoon Invite	1st
9/13/07	Livingston County Invite	1st
9/15/07	Pekin Invite	1st
9/18/07	Intercity	1st
9/20/07	BCC Invite	1st
9/29/07	Cornbelt Conference	1st
10/02/07	Regional	1st
10/08/07	Sectional	1st
10/12/07-10/13/07	State	1st

**Individual Accomplishments:** Sean Dozier, *Captain, All Conference, All State*; Eric Meier, *Captain, Most Valuable Player, All Conference, All State*; Kyle English, *All Conference, All State*; Logan Stauffer, *All Conference, Newcomer*; Ben Kilborn, *All Conference, Most Improved*; Peter McKinzie, *All Conference*; Ryan Alsman, *Sportsmanship*



**Front Row:** Connor Sampson, Logan Stauffer, Peter McKinzie, Luke Nayak, Scott Endsley, Kieran Pereira, Bobby Jocson, Jack Capodice, Ryan Alsman, Bo Sparks **Second Row:** Coach Morris, Eric Meier, Ben Kilborn, Jason Gendron, Andy McNeely, Coach Snell, Kyle English, Michael Fritz, Tim Glover, Sean Dozier, Coach Cullen

## GIRLS GOLF (15-0)

Date	Team	Results
8/17/07	BHS Invte	1st
8/18/07	Alton Marquette Invite	1st
8/31/07-9/01/07	U-High Invite	1st
9/05/07	Intercity Tournament	1st
9/08/07	NCHS Invite	1st
9/13/07	Livingston County	1st
9/22/07	Pekin Invite	1st
9/29/07	Cornbelt Conference	1st
10/03/07	Regional	1st
10/09/07	Sectionals	1st
10/11/07-10/13/07	State Finals	1st

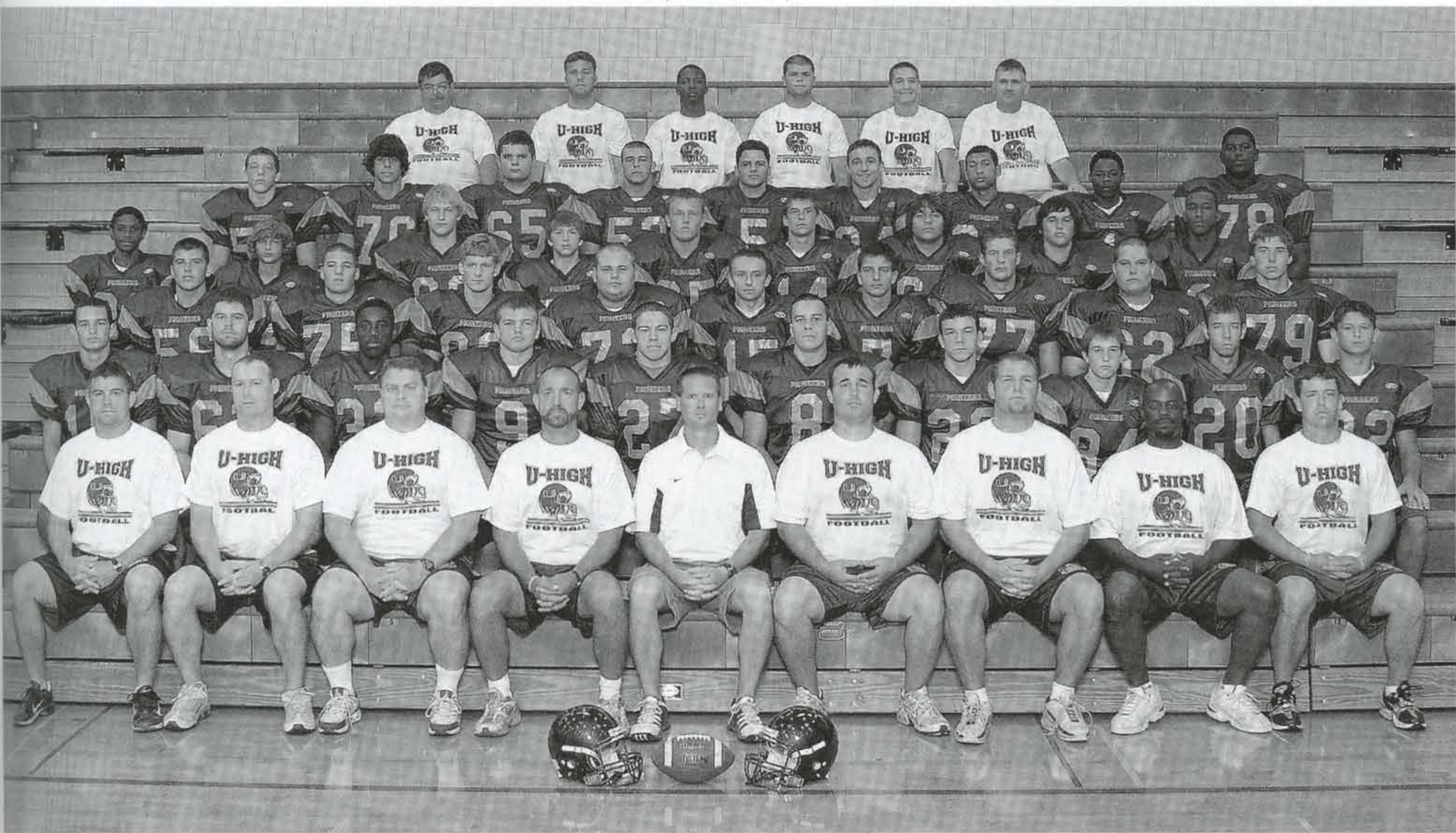
**Individual Accomplishments:** Janelle Galloway, *Captain, Most Valuable Player, Sportsmanship*; Chelsea Harris, *Captain, Most Valuable Player*; Cheryl Liang, *Captain, Most Valuable Player*; Kaitlyn Wampler, *Captain, Most Valuable Player*



**Front Row:** Coach Gault, Jenna Wampler, Cheryl Liang, Chelsea Harris, Kaitlyn Wampler, Janelle Galloway, Lauren English, Coach Hubbard



# VARSITY FOOTBALL (6-5)

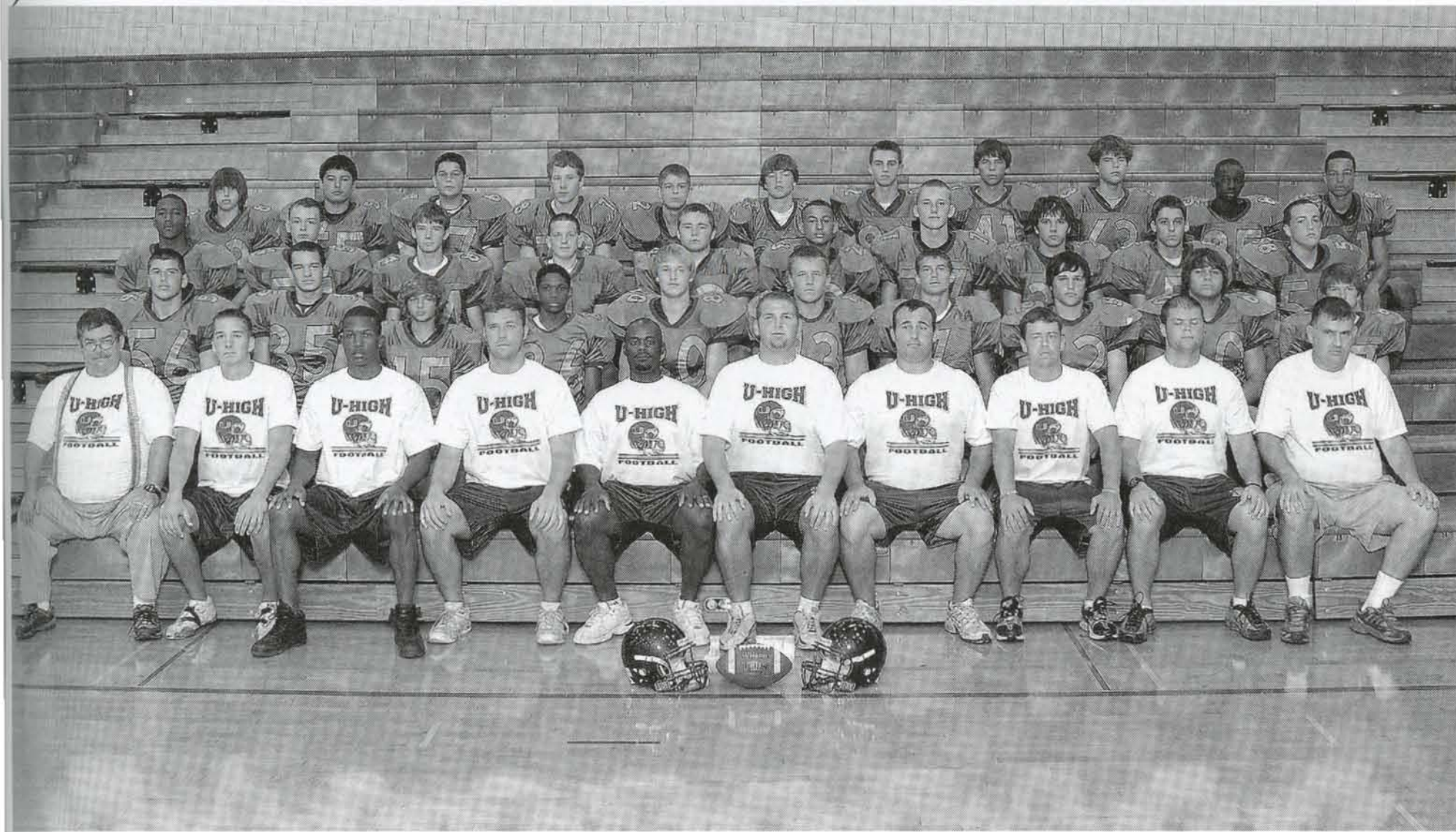


**Front Row:**Coach Evans, Coach Burk, Coach Miller, Coach Troll, Coach Olsen, Coach Lyons, Coach Kashner, Coach Harris, Coach Pederson **Second Row:** Patrick Kelso, Matt Skibo, Sean Hastings, Caleb Katz, Zach Zentner, Luke Harbers, Vince Chido, Tommy Donovan, Ryan Lehner, Michael Elliot **Third Row:** Nathan Schweitzer, Jake Augspurger, Ben Hall, Cory Olsen, Zach Alvis, Jake Todino, Scott Blair, Brad Rowatt, Paul Beckman **Fourth Row:** Jeff Staten, Drew Todino, Michael Galvan, Patrick King, Craig Rich, Eric Robb, Jake Thacker, Colby Carr, TJ Smith **Fifth Row:** Max Hayden, Dillon Sloneker, Rich Shepherd, Joe Waropay, Will Brucker, Trevor Rappa, Deonte VanHook, Mike Dopson, Max Chambers **Sixth Row:** Coach Monniger, Coach Bradshaw, Coach Fisher, Coach Trudy, Coach Hochstetter, Coach Adams

Date	Team	Results
8/24/07	Olympia	Won
8/31/07	Central Catholic	Loss
9/07/07	Rochester	Loss
9/14/07	Pontiac	Loss
9/21/07	Prairie Central	Won
9/28/07	Sherrad	Won
10/05/07	Rantoul	Won
10/12/07	Eureka	Loss
10/19/07	Mahomet-Seymour	Won
10/27/07	Peoria Woodruff	Won
11/03/07	Pontiac	Loss

**Individual Accomplishments:** Trevor Rappa, *Captain, Defensive MVP*; Joe Waropay, *Captain*; Zach Zentner, *Captain*; Sean Hastings, *Offensive MVP*; Luke Harbers, *Defensive MVP*; Cory Olsen, *Outstanding Lineman Award*; Max Hayden, *Most Improved Player*; Caleb Katz, *Speical Teams Award*; Brad Rowatt, *Coachs' Award*; Matt Skibo, *Coachs' Award*; Jake Augspurger, *H.E.A.T. Award*; Ben Hall, *B&B Awards and Recognition Sportsmanship Award*

# JV FOOTBALL (2-4)



**Front Row:** Coach Monniger, Coach Hochstetter, Coach Fisher, Coach Bradshaw, Coach Harris, Coach Kashner, Coach Lyons, Coach Pedersen, Coach Gessert, Coach Adams **Second Row:** Nathan Sweitzer, Patrick Kelso, Drew Todino, Jeff Staten, Michael Galvan, Craig Rich, Eric Robb, Colby Carr, Jake Thacker, Patrick King **Third Row:** TJ Smith, Nick Paul, Blake Heiner, Mike Zaitzeff, Austin Shoemaker, Kyle Olsen, Brooks Woolfolk, Tyler Scott, Zach Burlingame, Jace Mortimer, Nick Ensenberger **Fourth Row:** Matthew Carr, Nick Paul, Danny Snyder, Trevor Dennenwitz, Drew Potter, Nic Flach, Tanner Temby, Mitch Januzik, Steven Kiel, William Brown, Jonathan McDowell

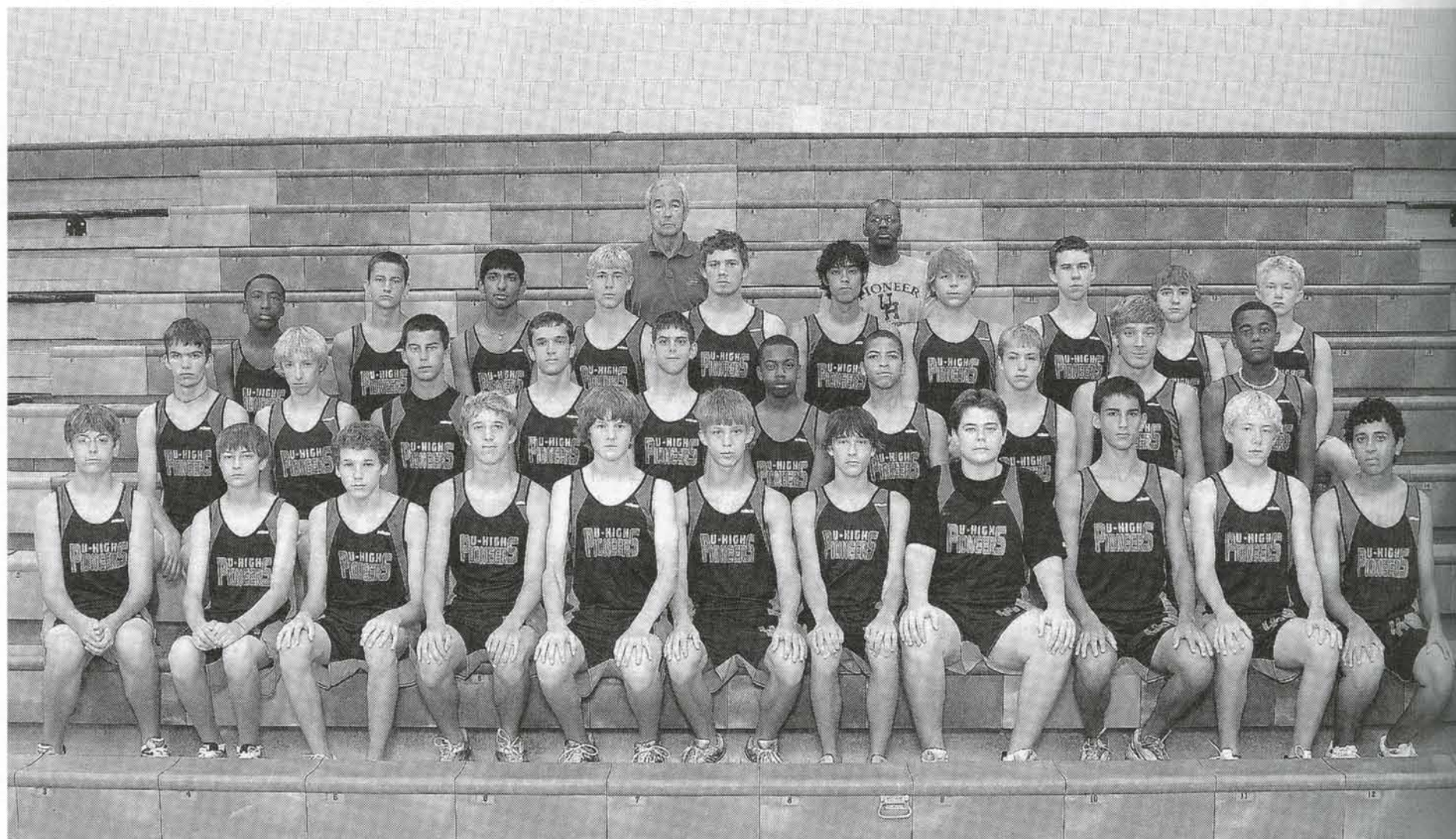
Date	Team	Results
8/27/07	Olympia	Loss
9/03/07	Central Catholic	Loss
9/17/07	Pontiac	Loss
9/24/07	Prairie Central	Loss
10/08/07	Rantoul	Won
10/15/07	Eureka	Won



# BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Team	Results
9/08/07	Woodruff Invite	6th
9/18/07	Intercity	1st
9/22/07	East Peoria Invite	3rd
9/27/07	Olympia Fresh/Soph	1st
10/02/07	U-High Invite	1st
10/06/07	Mahomet Invite	1st
10/13/07	Conference	1st
10/20/07	Regional	1st
10/27/07	Sectional	1st
11/03/07	State	10th

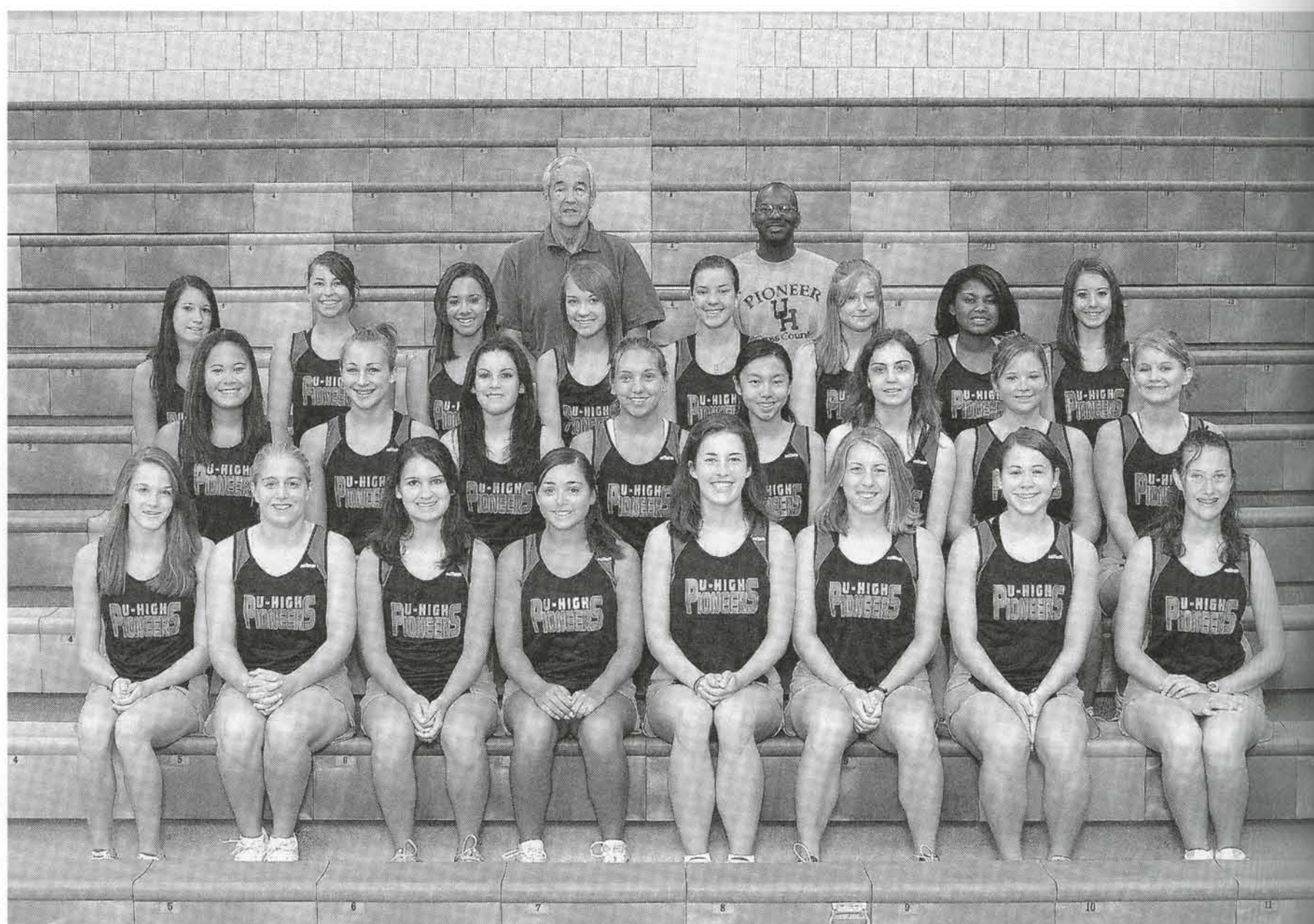
**Individual Awards:** Connor Brown, *State Qualifier*; James Clay, *State Qualifier*; Kevin Forde, *State Qualifier, MVP, Leadership Award, All State*; Joel Gebhardt, *Most Improved*; Nick Houska, *State Qualifier, Sportsmanship Award*; Josiah Husk, *State Qualifier*; Ryan Rutherford, *State Qualifier*; Kirk Saunders, *State Qualifier*; Taiyo Wilson, *State Qualifier, Comeback Performer*



**Front Row:** Mitchell Houska, Josh Ayers, Stephen Husk, Nathaniel Bass, Alex Goebel, Cody Gudenrath, Ryan Rutherford, Chris Hoerdemann, Connor Cross, Will Ward, Vivek Gulati **Second Row:** Ian Walling, Kirk Saunders, Connor Brown, Josiah Husk, Jeff McKinzie, Jonathan Hill, Juwan Chavers, Ky Bailey, Nick Houska, Kevin Forde **Third Row:** Jason Brooks, James Clay, Munan Singhal, Rob Hanson, Chris Crider, Taiyo Wilson, Vince Kroll, Nick Geyer, Dylan McDonald, Stefan Zeller **Fourth Row:** Coach Parsons, Coach Hampton

# GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Team	Results
8/28/07	Mahomet Seymour, BHS, Champaign Centennial	2nd
9/08/07	Woodruff Invite	16th
9/11/07	Mahomet Seymour, Prairie Central	1st
9/15/07	Notre Dame Invite	No team score
9/18/07	Intercity	3rd
9/22/07	East Peoria Invite	7th
9/27/07	Olympia Fresh/Soph	1st
10/02/07	U-High Invite	2nd
10/06/07	Mahomet Invite	3rd
10/13/07	Conference	3rd
10/20/07	Regional	2nd
10/22/07	Normal Invite JV	No team score
10/27/07	Sectional	8th

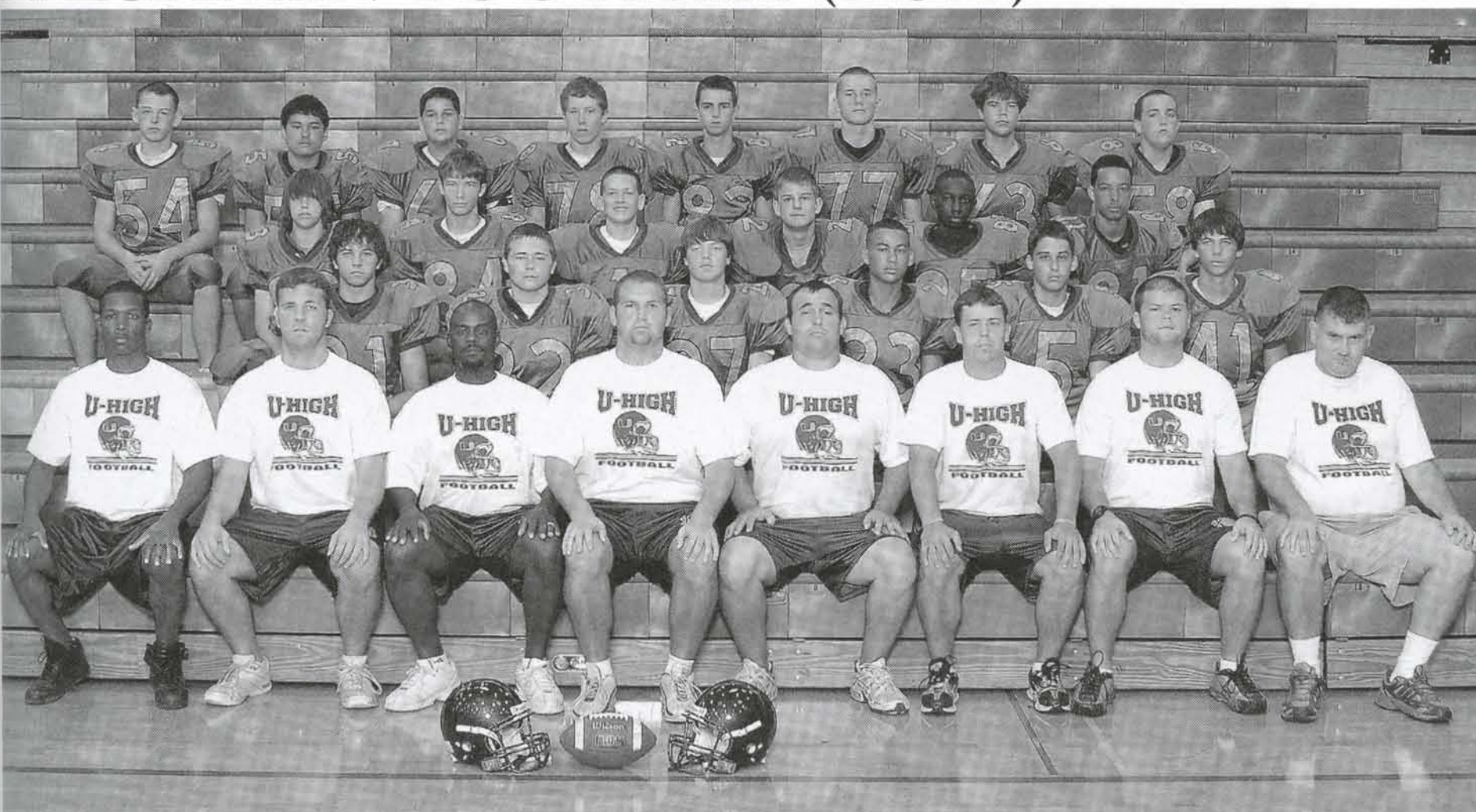


**Front Row:** Emily Clay, Allison Vaughn, Ellen Clay, Christina Parlette, Katie Erdman, Sara Idleman, Claire Jones, Emily Donnan **Second Row:** Rachel Dauenbaugh, Laine Smid, Lillie Cicerchia, Kara Butorac, Wen Yang, Carolyn Ayers, Kristina Mlincsek, Aubrey Williamson **Third Row:** Marissa Tank, Georgia Keen, Natalie Bowman, Kelsey Emmert, Alyssa Mandula, Lydia Wilson, Whitney Pledger, Kelsey Stiles **Fourth Row:** Coach Parsons, Coach Hampton

**Individual Accomplishments:** Emily Clay, *Letter winner, State Qualifier, MVP, All State*; Katie Erdman, *Letter winner, Leadership Award*; Sara Idleman, *Letter winner, Sportsmanship Award*; Alyssa Mandula, *Most Improved*; Wen Yang, *Letter winner, Comeback Performer*



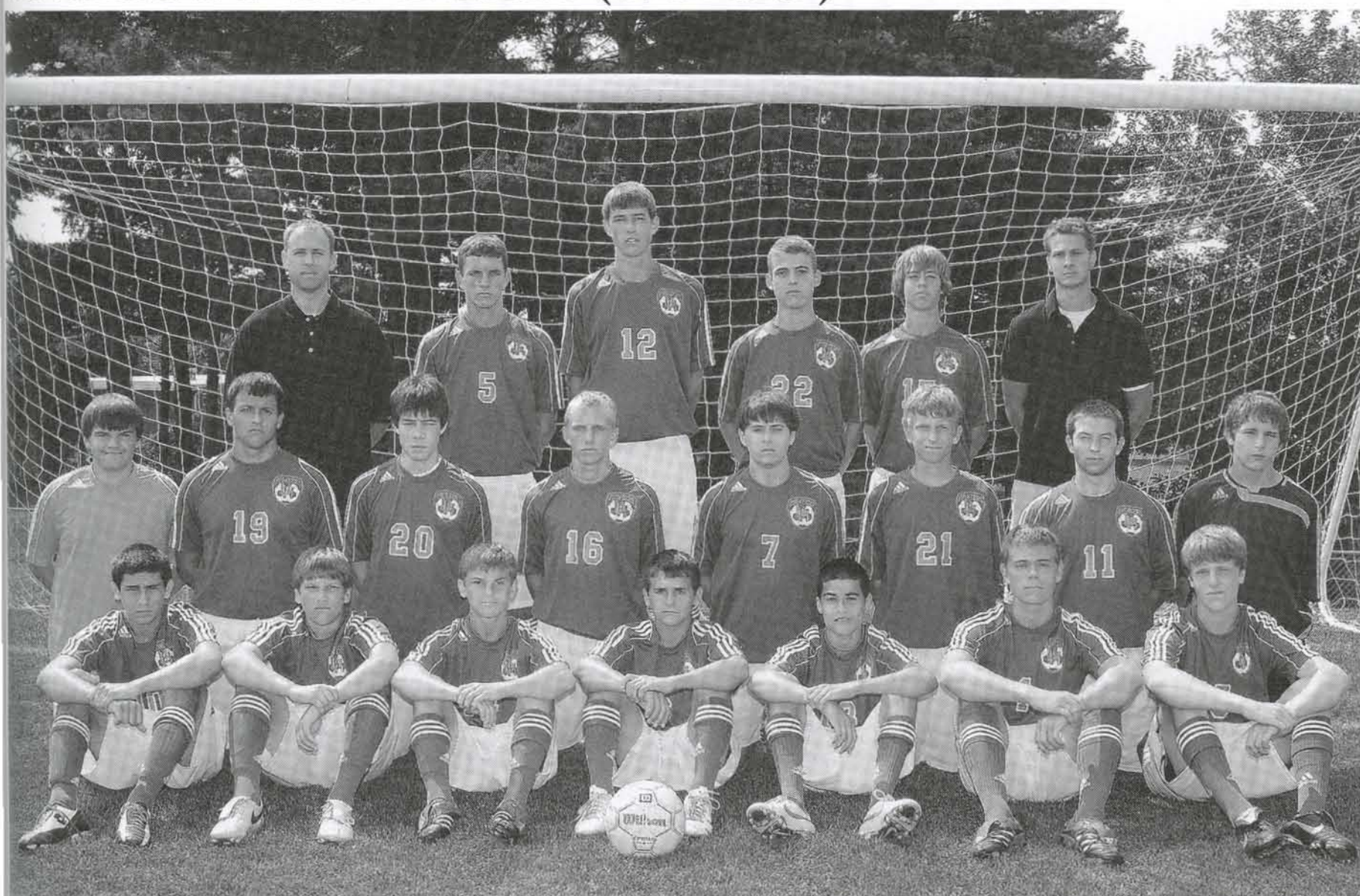
# FRESHMEN FOOTBALL (2:5:2)



**Front Row:** Coach Fisher, Coach Bradshaw, Coach Harris, Coach Kashner, Coach Lyons, Coach Pedersen, Coach Gessert, Coach Adams **Second Row:** Zach Burlingame, Kyle Olsen, Nic Flach, Brooks Woolfolk, Jace Mortimer, Mitchell Januzik **Third Row:** Matthew Carr, Mike Zaitoff, Austin Shoemaker, Drew Potter, Willaim Brown, Jonathan McDowell **Fourth Row:** Blake Heiner, Nick Paul, Danny Snyder, Trevor Dennewitz, Tanner Temby, Tyler Scott, Steven Kiel, Nick Ensens-berge

Date	Team	Results
8/24/07	Olympia	Loss
8/30/07	Central Catholic	Tie
9/07/07	Rochester	Loss
9/14/07	Pontiac	Loss
9/20/07	Prairie Central	Loss
9/28/07	Sherrad	Won
10/05/07	Rantoul	Tie
10/12/07	Eureka	Won
10/19/07	Mahomet-Seymour	Loss

# VARSITY SOCCER (16:4:5)



**Front Row:** Nick Paglucia, Mike O'Malley, John Munson, Logan Rule, Cameron Ruiz, Jack Ross, Peter Schiller **Second Row:** Peter Siegfried, Anthony Duran, Sean Comerford, Reid Butts, Mitch Rogers, Jake Irwin, Zach Wall, Cole Wardlow **Third Row:** Coach Stanton, Bryant Carlson, Clint Vatterrdot, Andy Noe, Blair Smith, Coach Hair

**Individual Accomplishments:** Bryant Carlson, *Letter winner, Sportsmanship Award*; Mitch Rogers, *Letter winner, Captain*; Zach Wall, *Letter winner, Most Assists, Highest Scorer*; Clint Vatterrod, *Letter winner, Captain, MVP*; Matt Mendez, *Letter winner, Captain, Best Defensive Player*; Anothony Duran, *Letter winner, Most Improved*; Peter Siegfried, *Letter winner, Courageous Award*

Date	Team	Results
8/25/07	Morton	Won
8/27/07	BHS	Won
8/28/07	NCHS	Won
8/31/07	Central Catholic	Won
9/01/07	West	Won
9/04/07	Richwoods	Tie
9/05/07	MacArthur	Won
9/08/07	Alleman	Won
9/12/07	Champaign Centennial	Loss
9/15/07	Quincy Notre Dame	Won
9/21/07	Springfield	Tie
9/22/07	East Moline United	Tie
9/24/07	Champaign Central	Won
9/26/07	Gibault Catholic	Loss
9/28/07	Rock Island	Won
9/29/07	Alleman	Won
9/29/07	East Moline	Loss
9/29/07	Geneseo	Won
10/04/07	Peoria Notre Dame	Tie
10/06/07	Mahomet-Seymour	Won
10/10/07	Springfield Griffin	Tie
10/16/07	Regional	Won
10/20/07	Regional Final	Won
10/23/07	Sectional	Won
10/25/07	Sectional Final	Loss



## BOYS JV SOCCER (9:2:2)

Date	Team	Results
8/23/07	Morton	Won
9/4/07	Richwoods	Won
9/5/07	Decatur MacArthur	Won
9/12/07	Champaign Centennial	Won
9/15/07	Quincy Notre Dame	Tie
9/21/07	Springfield	Won
9/22/07	E. Moline United Township	Loss
9/24/07	Champaign Central	Won
10/4/07	Peoria Notre Dame	Tie
10/6/07	Mahomet-Seymour	Won
10/10/07	Springfield Griffin	Won
10/15/07	Normal West	Loss
10/15/07	Bloomington	Won

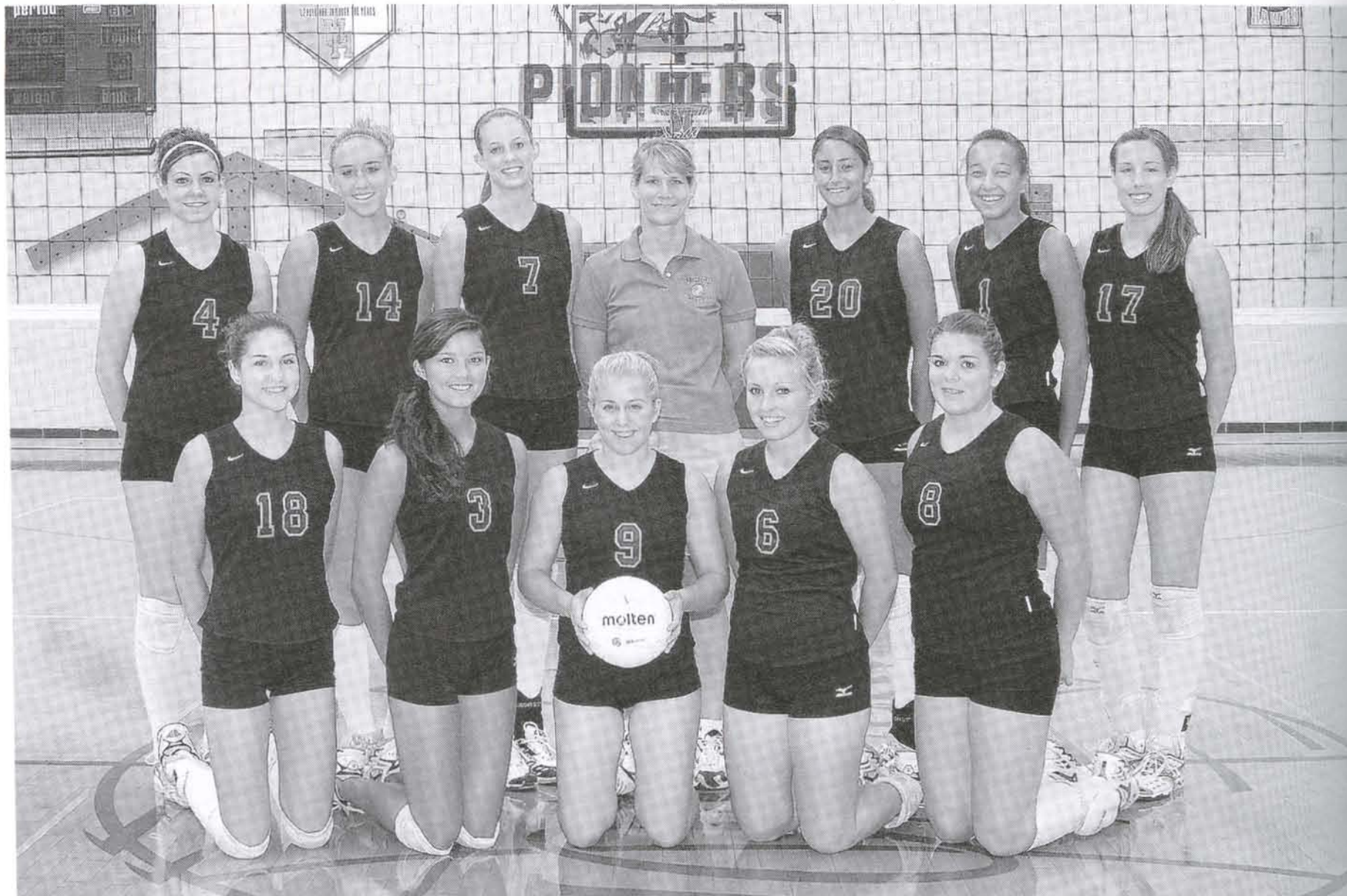
**Individual Accomplishments:** Ben Kieseewetter, *Sportsmanship Award*; Jordan Killhoffer, *Captain, JV Most Valuable Player, Offensive Most Valuable Player*; Kyle Graden, *Defensive Most Valuable Player*; Jon Langellier, *Captain*



**Front Row:** Alejandro Montesdeoca, Michael Kull, Ian Standard, Jordan Killhoffer, Zach Billingsley **Second Row:** Alex Parlette, Matt Erikson, Jon Langellier, Ben Kieseewetter, Michael Eack, Kyle Graden **Third Row:** Coach Stanton, Adam Doubet, Tanner Russell, Brady Knapp, Kegan Saajasto, James Clay, Coach Hari

## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL (29-7)

Date	Team	Results
8/30/07	Hartsburg	Won
9/04/07	Olympia	Won
9/07/07 - 9/08/07	Effingham Tournament	3-2
9/11/07	Pontiac	Won
9/13/07	Eureka	Won
9/18/07	Prairie Central	Won
9/20/07	Mahomet	Won
9/22/07	Intercity	2-2
9/25/07	Rantoul	Won
9/27/07	Olympia	Won
9/28/07	Belleville East Tournament	3-2
10/01/07	Lexington	Won
10/02/07	Central Catholic	Won
10/04/07	Pontiac	Won
10/09/07	Eureka	Won
10/11/07	Prairie Central	Won
10/12/07	Minooka Tournament	5-0
10/16/07	Mahomet	Won
10/18/07	Rantoul	Won
10/27/07	Regional - Morton	Won
10/27/07	Regional - Bloomington	Loss

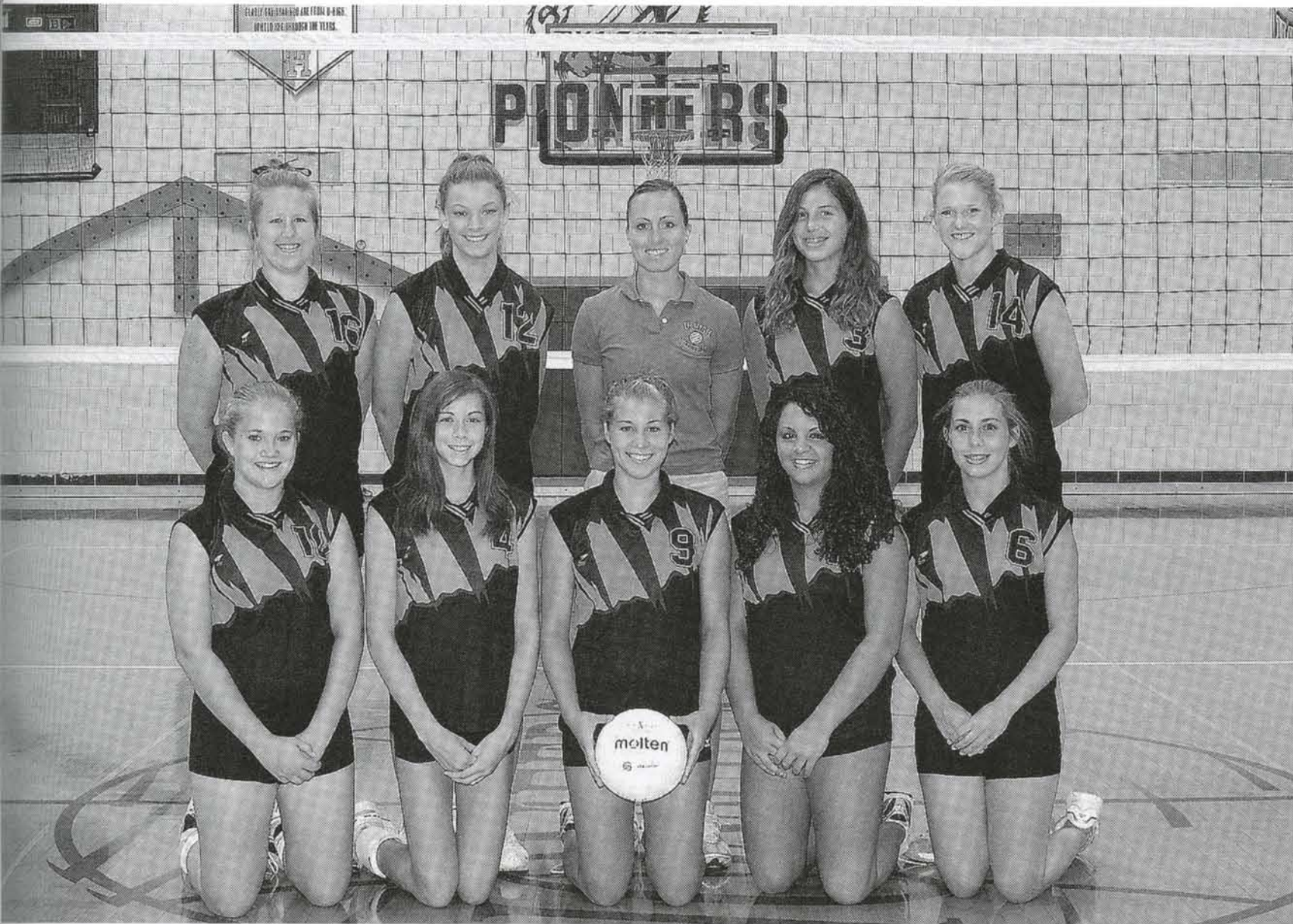


**Front Row:** Ashlee Sang, Bridget Lam, Anna Vaughn, Maggie Bee, Alyssa Humphreys **Second Row:** Erin Tofanelli, Kelly Harrell, Carly Schumacher, Coach Sanders, Tanya Ploense, Jordan Bond, Taylor Bruns

**Individual Accomplishments:** Tanya Ploense, *Captain*; Erin Tofanelli, *Captain*; Taylor Bruns, *Captain, Most Valuable Player*; Ashlee Sang, *Sportsmanship Award*; Alyssa Humphreys, *Most Improved*



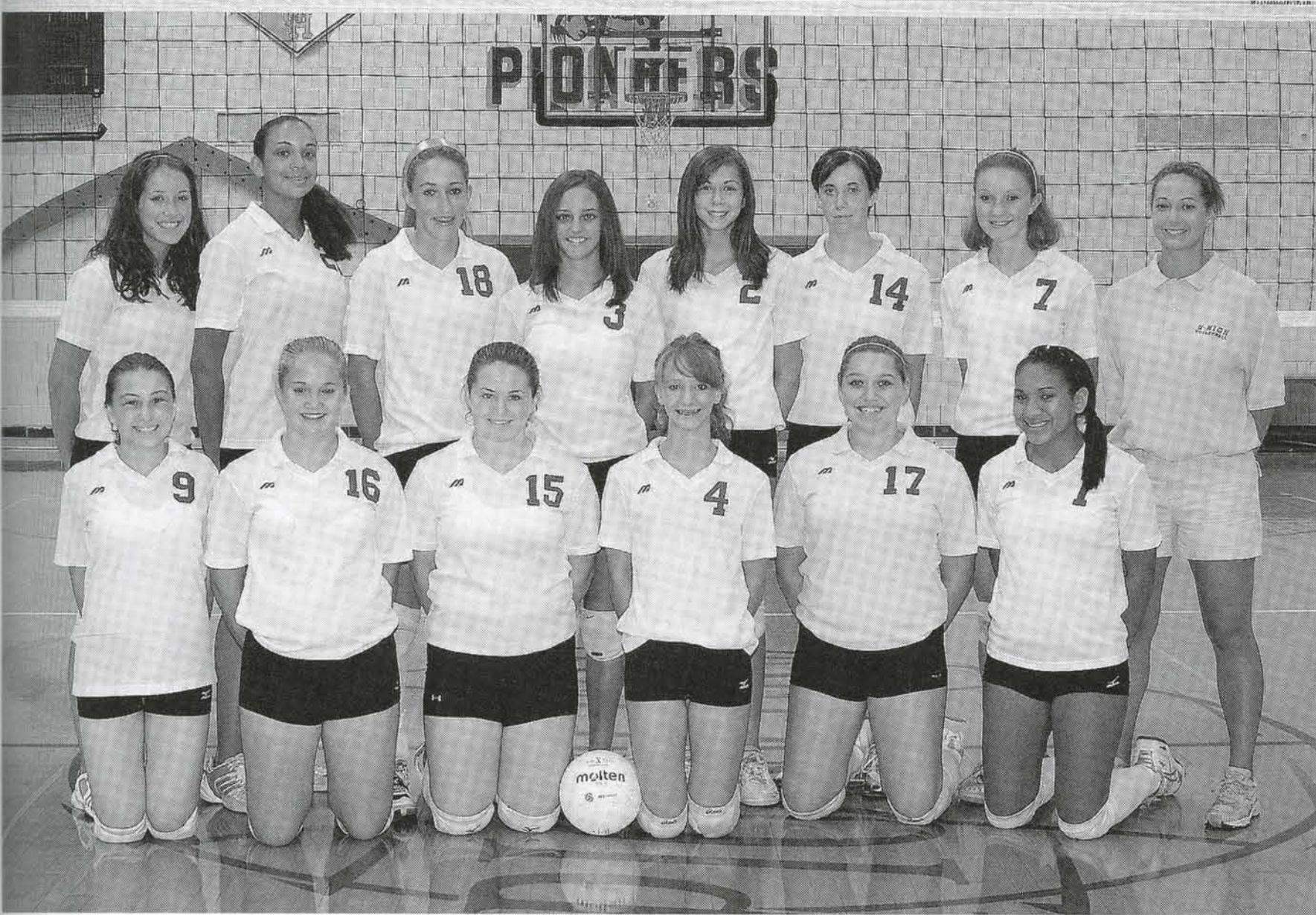
# V VOLLEYBALL (18-1)



Front Row: Jenny Darrow, Valerie Nichol, Olivia Castillo, Kelsey Wilson, Jordan Steinbrueck  
Second Row: Stephanie Schwingle, Candice Cuppini, Coach Lambert, Brooke Sushka, Haley Cook

Date	Team	Results
8/30/07	Hartsburg	Won
9/04/07	Olympia	Loss
9/11/07	Pontiac	Won
9/13/07	Eureka	Won
9/18/07	Prairie Central	Won
9/20/07	Mahomet	Won
9/25/07	Rantoul	Won
9/27/07	Olympia	Won
10/01/07	Lexington	Won
10/02/07	Central Catholic	Won
10/04/07	Pontiac	Won
10/06/07	Mahomet	Won
10/06/07	Olympia	Won
10/06/07	Pontiac	Won
10/06/07	Rantoul	Won
10/09/07	Eureka	Won
10/11/07	Prairie Central	Won
10/16/07	Mahomet	Won
10/18/07	Rantoul	Won

# FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL (15-4)



Front Row: Carley Frank, Jenny Darrow, Megan Leary, Elizabeth Composto, Amanda Hess, Whitney VanHook  
Second Row: Emily France, Kelly Berryman, Ellie Sloneker, Ali Lohr, Valerie Nichol, Marissa Diekhoff, Kambria Vance, Coach Pessman

Date	Team	Results
9/04/07	Olympia	Won
9/11/07	Pontiac	Loss
9/13/07	Eureka	Won
9/18/07	Prairie Central	Won
9/20/07	Mahomet	Won
9/25/07	Rantoul	Won
9/27/07	Olympia	Won
10/01/07	Lexington	Won
10/02/07	Central Catholic	Won
10/04/07	Pontiac	Loss
10/06/07	Normal Community	Loss
10/06/07	Chatham-Glenwood	Loss
10/06/07	Urbana	Won
10/06/07	Mahomet	Won
10/06/07	Lincoln	Won
10/09/07	Eureka	Won
10/11/07	Prairie Central	Won
10/16/07	Mahomet	Won
10/18/07	Rantoul	Loss



## GIRLS SWIMMING (12-0)

Date	Team	Results
9/04/07	Urbana/Normal West	Won
9/06/07	Pontiac/Eureka	Won
9/11/07	Champaign Centennial	Won
9/15/07	Palatine Invite	5th
9/18/07	Olympia	Won
9/22/07	Bloomington Invite	2nd
9/29/07	Richwoods Invite	1st
10/02/07	Dunlap	Won
10/04/07	Intercity	Won
10/09/07	Pekin	Won
10/23/07	Champaign Central	Won
11/03/07	U-High Invite	1st
11/10/07	Sectional	2nd
11/17/07	State	18th

**Individual Accomplishments:** Sarah Capdoice, *Captain*; Claire Wazienski, *Captain, Spirit Award*; Kathleen Knight, *Captain, Sportsmanship Award*; Emily Hovren, *Most Valuable Player*; Sarah Klass, *Most Improved*; Morgan Sondgeroth, *Most Improved*

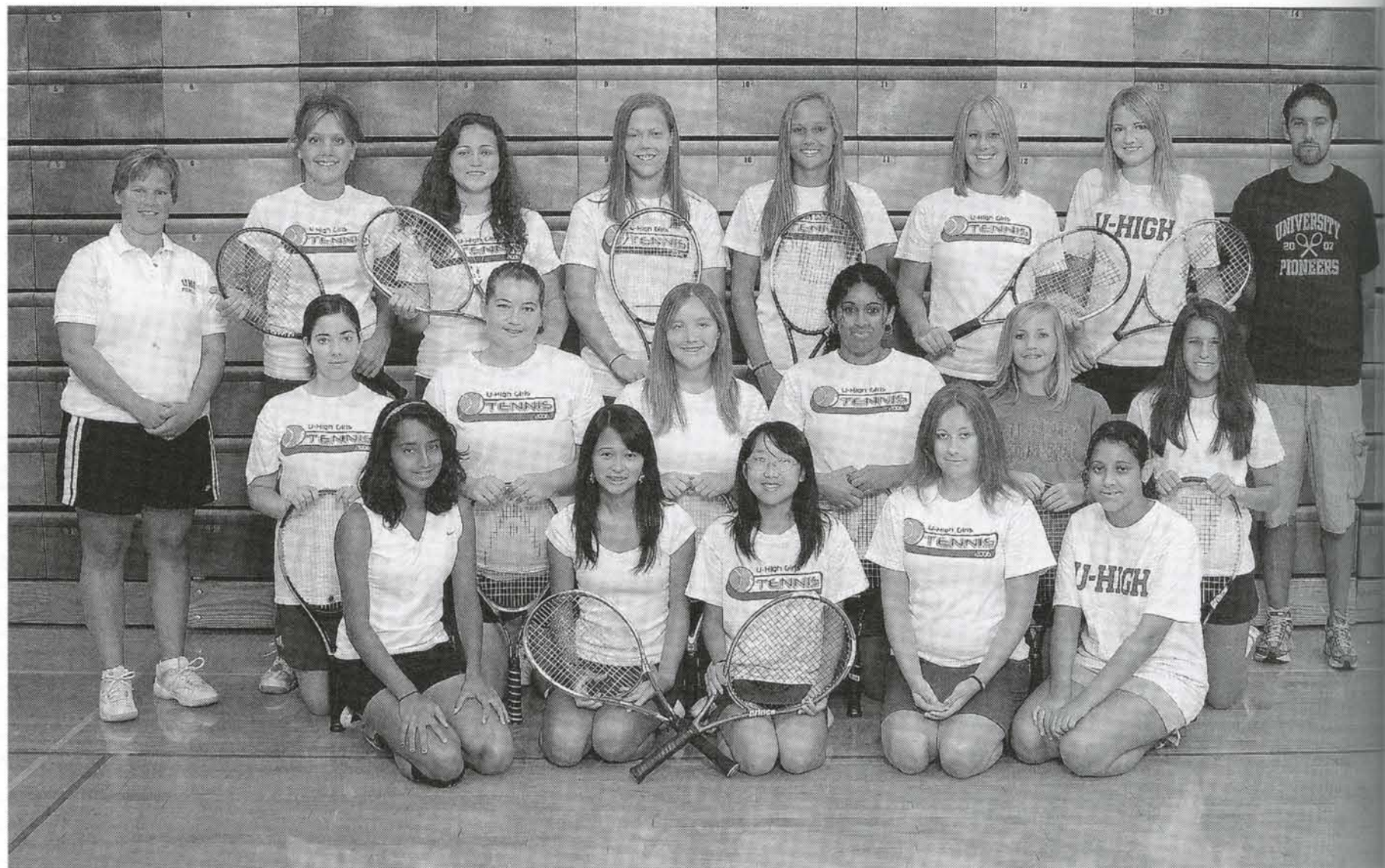


**Front Row:** Ali Taubert, Rynne Gorsuch, Merryl Clemons, Sarah Klass, Kathleen Knight, Morgan Sondgeroth, Emily Waltner, Coach Roche **Second Row:** Coach Burroughs, Lauren Miller, Emily Hovren, Claire Wazienski, Sarah Capodice, Katie Klotzbach, Cassie Anderson, Coach Meyer

## GIRLS TENNIS

Date	Team	Results
8/24/07-8/25/07	Springfield Tournament	2nd
8/28/07	Peoria Notre Dame	Won
8/30/07	Normal West	Won
9/01/07	Springfield Griffin Tournament	5th
9/08/07	BHS Purple Invite	14th
9/11/07	Pontiac	Won
9/12/07	Springfield High	Loss
9/14/07-9/15/07	BHS Gold Invite	6th
9/19/07	St. Teresa	Won
9/28/07-9/29/07	BHS Purple/Gold Invite	13th
10/02/07	Rantoul	Won
10/09/07	Peoria Woodruff	Won
10/10/07	Central Catholic	Won
10/12/07-10/13/07	Sectional Tournament	4th
10/18/07-10/19/07	State Tournament	No placement

**Individual Accomplishments:** Sienna Reuter, *Most Valuable Player*; Emily Stevens, *Captain*; Kathleen Johnson, *Captain, Best Attitude*; Annie Nord, *Sportsmanship Award*; Kristin Walker, *Most Improved*



**Front Row:** Alia Khan, Casey Le, Xixi Tian, Laura Smith, Marta Ayele **Second Row:** Hayley Harroun, Kristen Walker, Kari Fowler, Hana Ayele, Sienna Reuter, Emily Zimmerman **Third Row:** Coach Petingna, Lindsey Butorac, Amanda Lawler, Kathleen Johnson, Annie Nord, Emily Stevens, Jenny Crow, Coach Hoffman



# DANCE TEAM



**Front Row:** Caity Baugh, Brianna King **Second Row:** Kelsey Larson, Elizabeth Lindenmeier, Caitlin Shaw, Tess Losada, Katie Biddle **Third Row:** Katherine Hill, Stephaine Carlson, Chesran Glidden, Brittany Shoemaker, Katie Telling, Sierra Anders

# CHEERLEADING



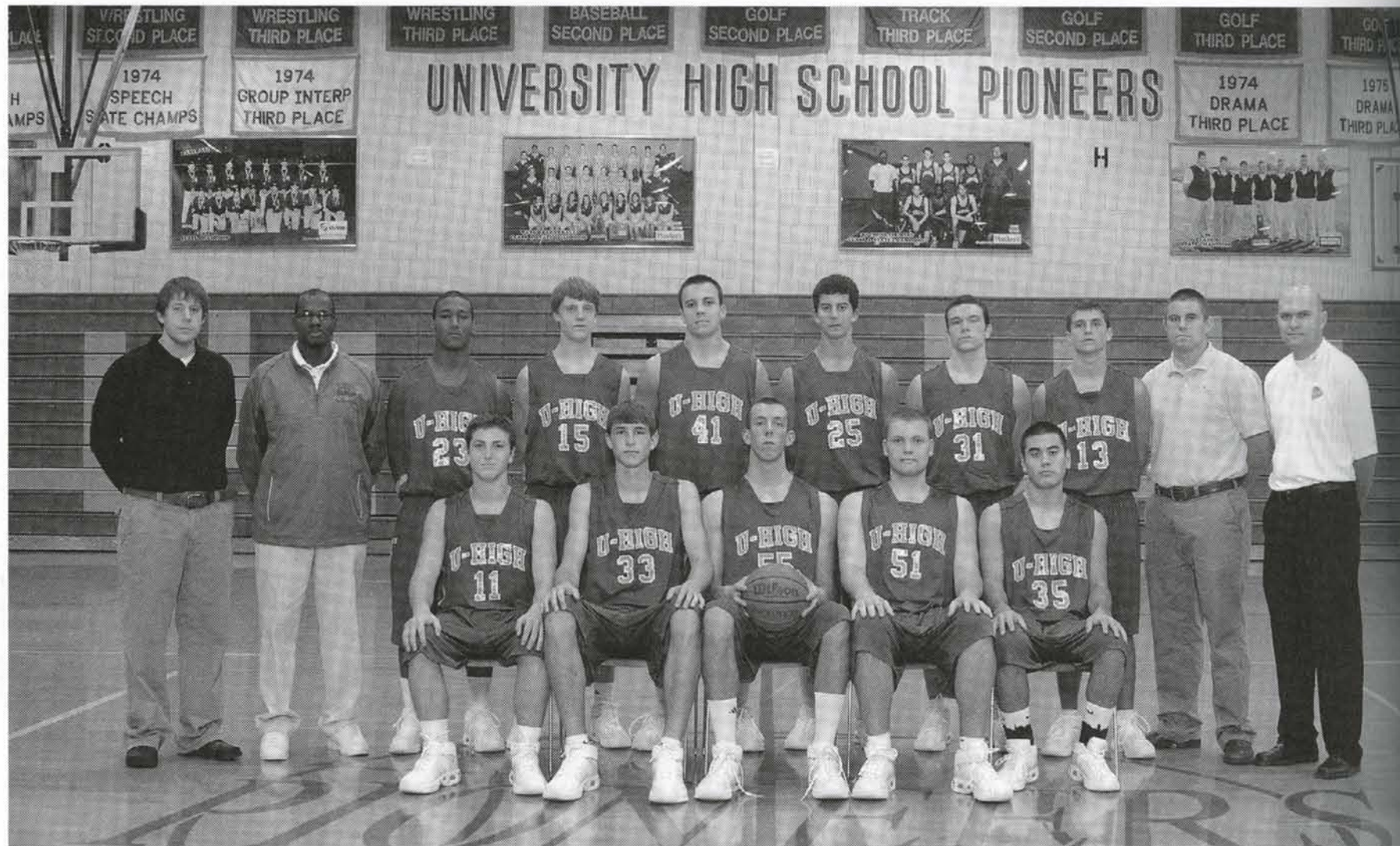
**Front Row:** Kortney Brooks, Aleesa Brooks, Jordan Stork, Haley Stuckey, Amanda Blair, Bethany Karraker, Melissa Seeborg, Anneke Schweers **Second Row:** Kristina Cooper, Raelyn Hoskins, Cassie Anderson, Rylee Russell, Ellyn Polley, Delayne Durdle, Coach Gillett, Kenny Lane, Amanda Rehtmeyer, Lindsey Spaits, Hannah Griffin, Allie Maher, Hannah Corley

Date	Team	Results
1/19/08	Bradley-Bourbonais	3
1/26/08	Sectionals	5
2/02/08	State	25



## VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL (11-3)

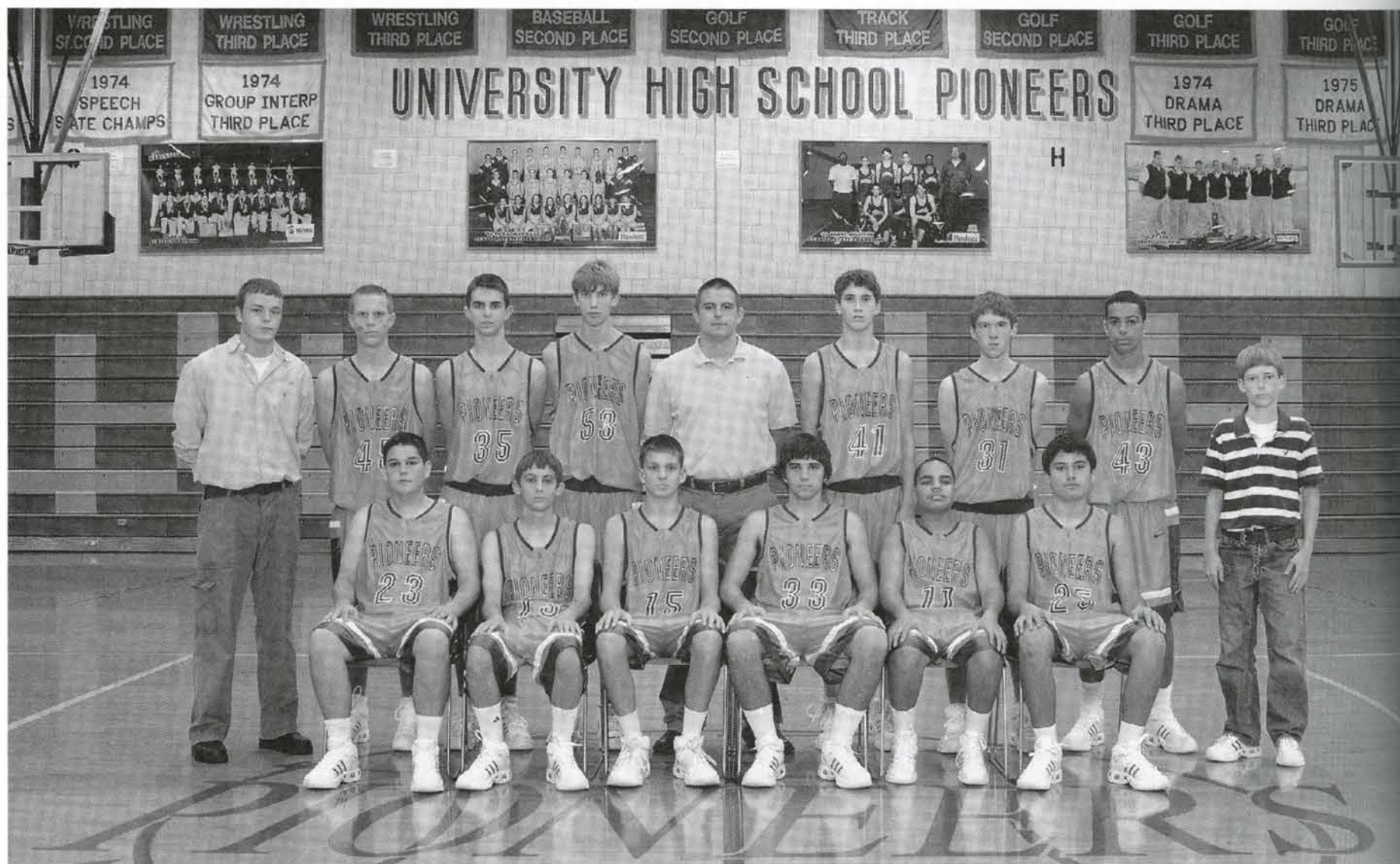
Date	Team	Results
11/30/07	Olympia	Loss
12/04/07	Pontiac	Won
12/08/07	Peoria Woodruff	Loss
12/11/07	Washington	Loss
12/14/07	Eureka	Won
12/15/07	Mahomet-Seymour	Won
1/04/08	Prairie Central	Won
1/11/08	Rantoul	Won
1/18/08	Olympia	Won
1/25/08	Central Catholic	Won
1/26/08	Danville	Loss
1/29/08	Pontiac	Won
2/02/08	Eureka	Won
2/08/08	Prairie Central	Won
2/09/08	Morton	Won
2/15/08	Rantoul	Loss
2/22/08	Mahomet-Seymour	Won
2/23/08	Quincy Notre Dame	Loss



**Front Row:** EJ Schiller, Clint Vatterrodt, Eric McCullough, Andy McNeely, Derek Dauenbaugh **Second Row:** Coach McDowell, Coach Hampton, TJ Smith, Peter Schiller, Luke Harbers, Connor Brown, Vince Chiodo, Eric Robb, Coach Evans, Coach Fitzgerald

## FRESHMEN BOYS BASKETBALL

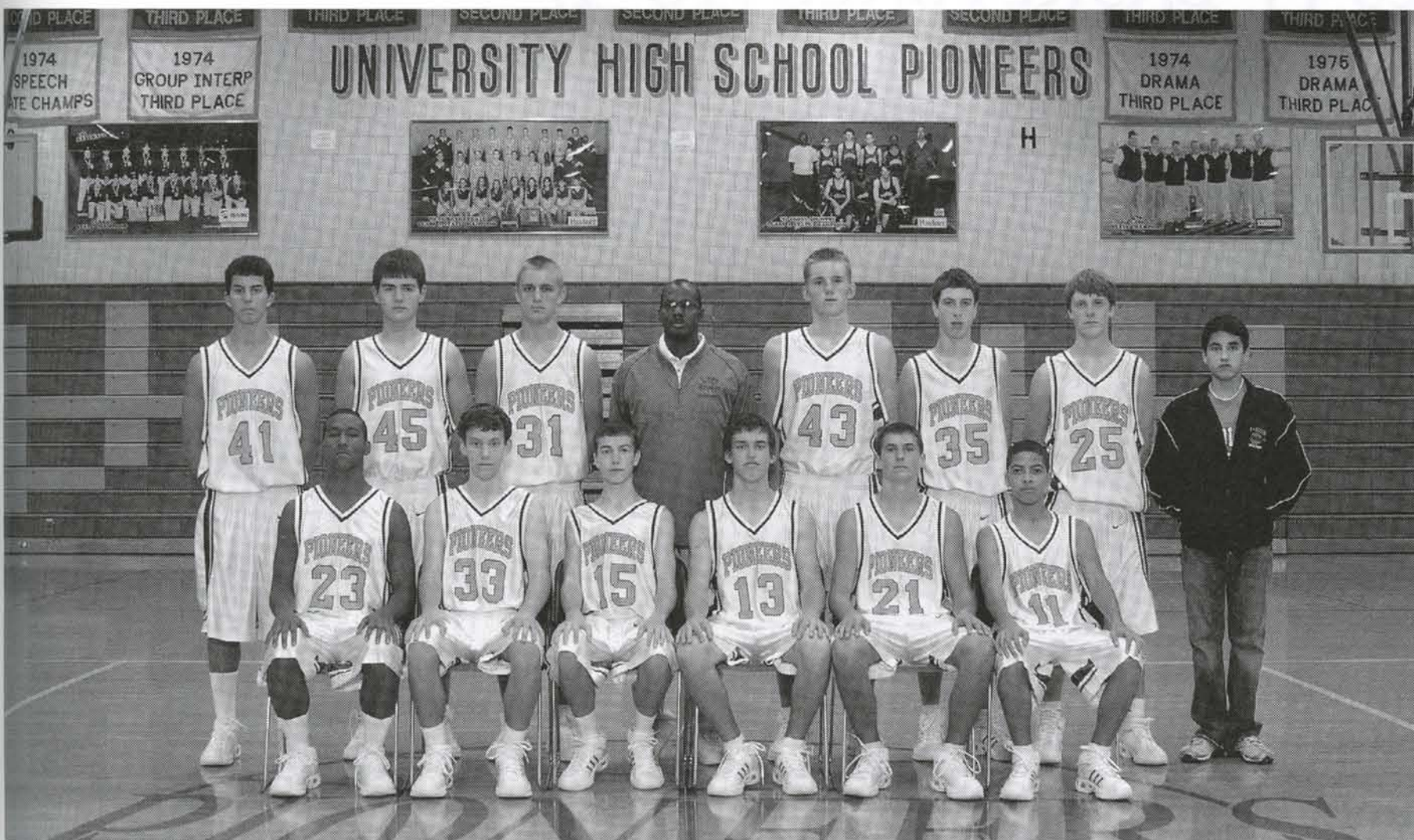
Date	Team	Results
11/26/07	Prairie Central	Won
12/03/07	Normal West	Loss
12/05/07	Olympia	Loss
12/08/07	El Paso	Loss
12/15/07	Prairie Central	Loss
1/02/08	Central Catholic	Loss
1/05/08	Pontiac	Won
1/09/08	Normal Community	Loss
1/12/08	Rantoul	Loss
1/14/08	Lincoln	Loss
1/16/08	Midland-Varna	Won
1/19/08	Bloomington	Loss
1/21/08	Central Catholic	Loss
1/26/08	Pontiac	Loss
1/30/08	Olympia	Loss
2/02/08	Bloomington	Loss
2/04/08	Central Catholic	Loss
2/07/08	Mahomet	Loss
2/16/08	Rochester	Loss
2/18/08	Peoria	Loss
2/19/08	Dunlap	Won



**Front Row:** Danny Snyder, Nate May, Zack Billingsley, Zach Burlingame, James Love, Nick Paul. **Second Row:** Assistant Coach Benters, Connor Sampson, Tanner Temby, Brady Knapp, Head Coach Evans, Tanner Russell, Andrew Arthur, Jon McDowell, Manager Ben Henderson.



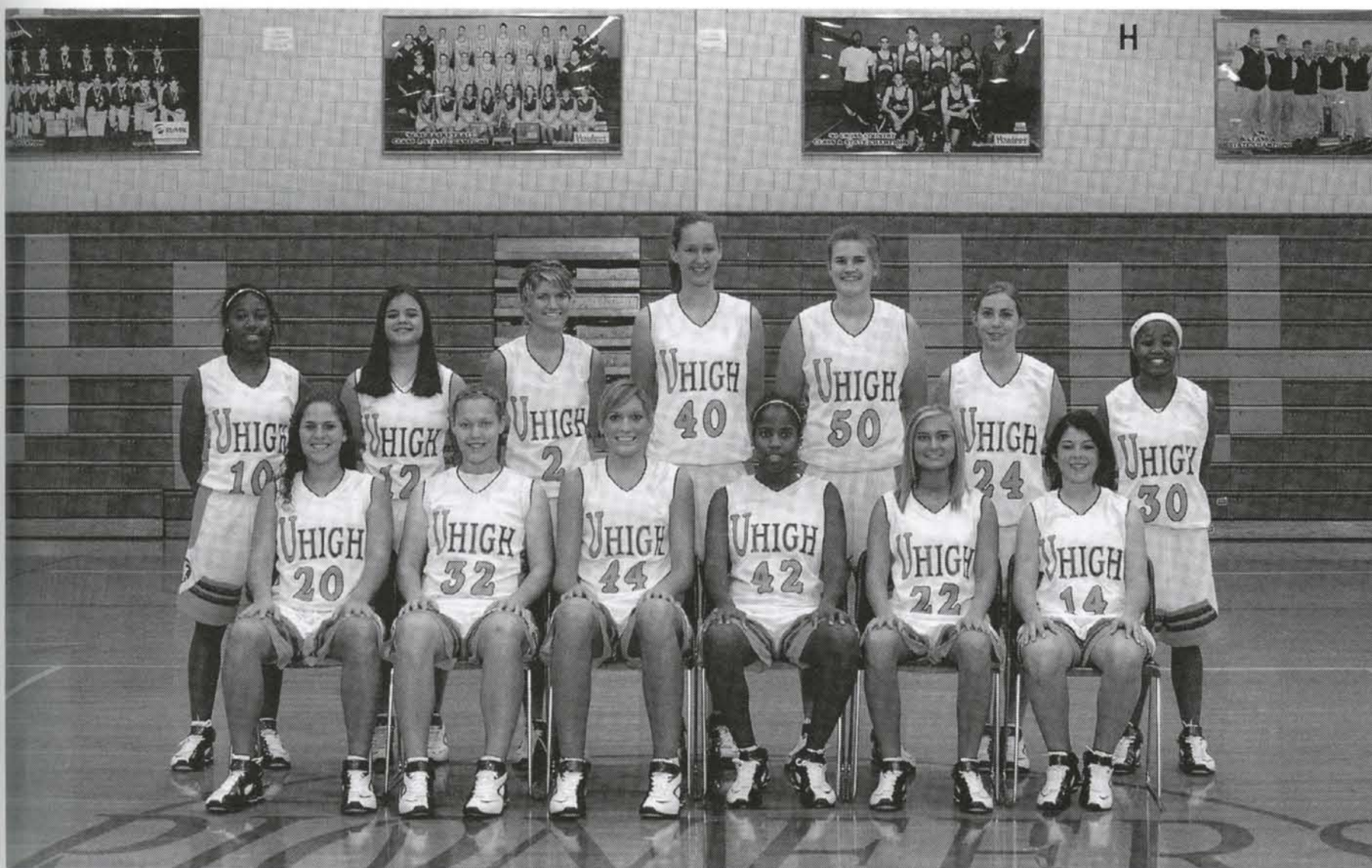
# JV BOYS BASKETBALL



**Front Row:** TJ Smith, Kyle Gallagher, Brian Sparks, Peter McKinzie, Eric Robb, Juwan Chavers **Second Row:** Connor Brown, Dustin Stuart, Austin Nord, Coach Hampton, Tyler Scott, Kevin Wilkinson, Peter Schiller, Mac Miner

Date	Team	Results
11/30/07	Olympia	Won
12/04/08	Pontiac	Loss
12/08/08	Peoria Woodruff	Loss
12/11/08	Washington	Loss
12/14/08	Eureka	Loss
1/04/08	Prairie Central	Won
1/11/08	Rantoul	Loss
1/18/08	Olympia	Won
1/25/08	Central Catholic	Won
1/26/08	Danville	Loss
1/29/08	Pontiac	Won
2/02/08	Eureka	Loss
2/07/08	Mahomet-Seymour	Loss
2/08/08	Prairie Central	Won
2/09/08	Morton	Loss
2/15/08	Rantoul	Won
2/22/08	Mahomet-Seymour	Loss
2/23/08	Normal Community	Loss
2/23/08	Bloomington	Loss

# GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL (13-1)



**Front Row:** Shelby Martin, Kathleen Johnson, Laurel Benson, Chantaivia Knight, Molly Kaisner, Liz Phipps  
**Second Row:** Alyssa Palmer, Sydney Sutter, Lindsay Schroeder, Elizabeth Risius, Kristin Judson, Jordan Steinbrueck, Tenisha Brown

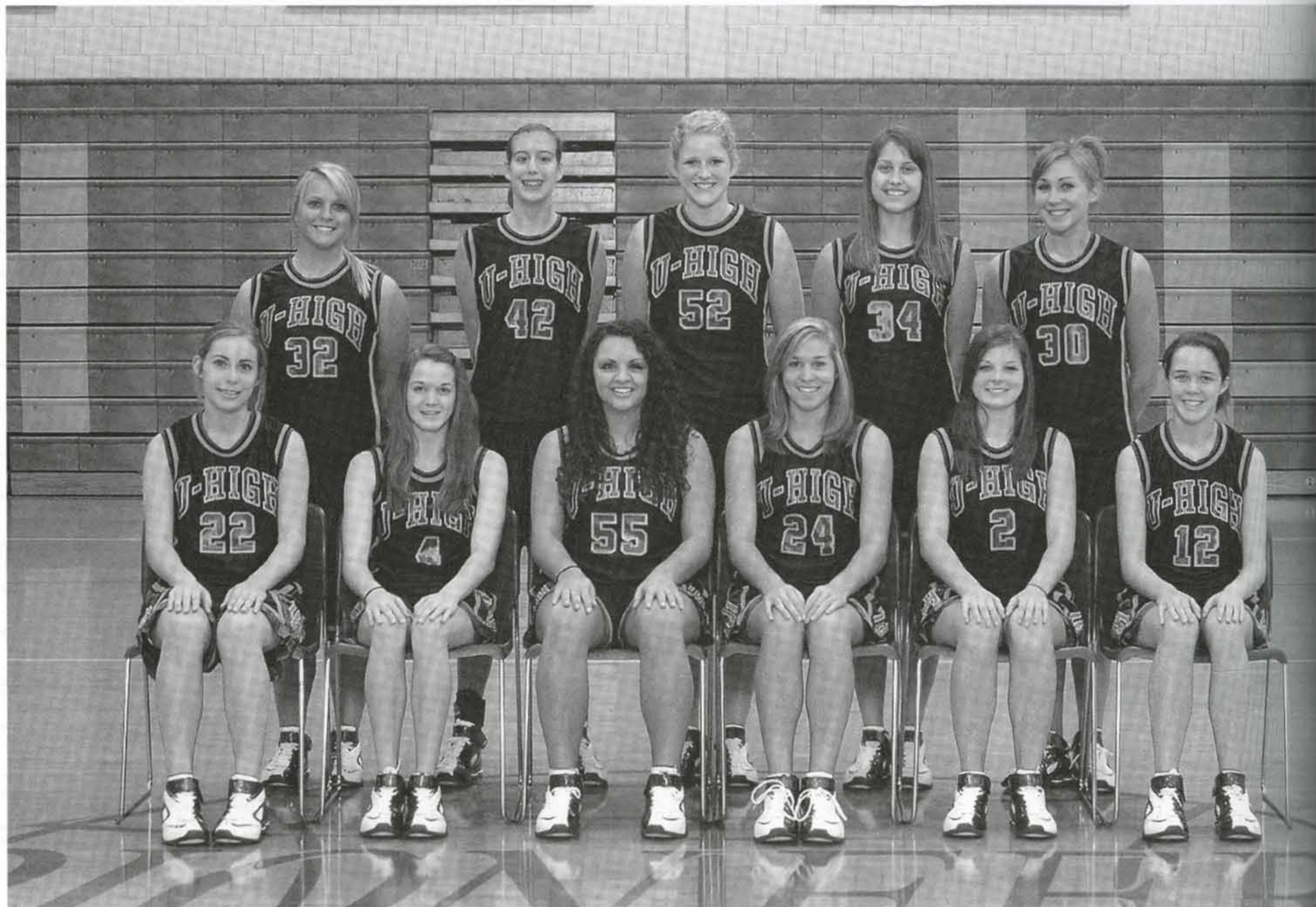
**Individual Accomplishments:** Alyssa Palmer, *Most Assists, Hustle Award, Cornbelt Conference Honorable Mention*; Tenisha Brown, *Most Steals, Best Defensive Player, Cornbelt Conference Honorable Mention*; Kristin Judson, *Most Rebounds, Best Field Goal Percentage, Most Valuable Player, Cornbelt Conference First Team*; Kathleen Johnson, *Best Free Throw Percentage, Varsity Captain, Sportsmanship Award, Cornbelt Conference Honorable Mention*; Laurel Benson, *Most Improved*

Date	Team	Results
11/12/07	Normal Community	Won
11/14/07	Normal Community	Won
11/16/07	Central Catholic	Won
11/17/07	Bloomington	Won
11/29/07	Olympia	Won
12/06/07	Pontiac	Won
12/08/07	Riverton	Won
12/13/07	Prairie Central	Won
12/15/07	Rochester	Loss
12/17/07	Lincoln	Won
12/26/07	Notre Dame	Won
12/27/07	Sacred Heart-Griffin	Loss
12/28/07	Bishop McNamara	Loss
12/29/07	Alleman	Loss
1/03/08	Mahomet-Seymour	Won
1/07/08	Rantoul	Won
1/10/08	Olympia	Won
1/14/08	Central Catholic	Won
1/17/08	Pontiac	Won
1/21/08	Eureka	Won
1/24/08	Prairie Central	Won
1/26/08	Richwoods	Loss
2/02/08	Bishop McNamara	Loss
2/05/08	Rantoul	Won
2/07/08	Mahomet-Seymour	Won
2/12/08	Lincoln	Won
2/15/08	Mahomet-Seymour	Won
2/19/08	Quincy Notre Dame	Loss



## GIRLS JV BASKETBALL (18-4)

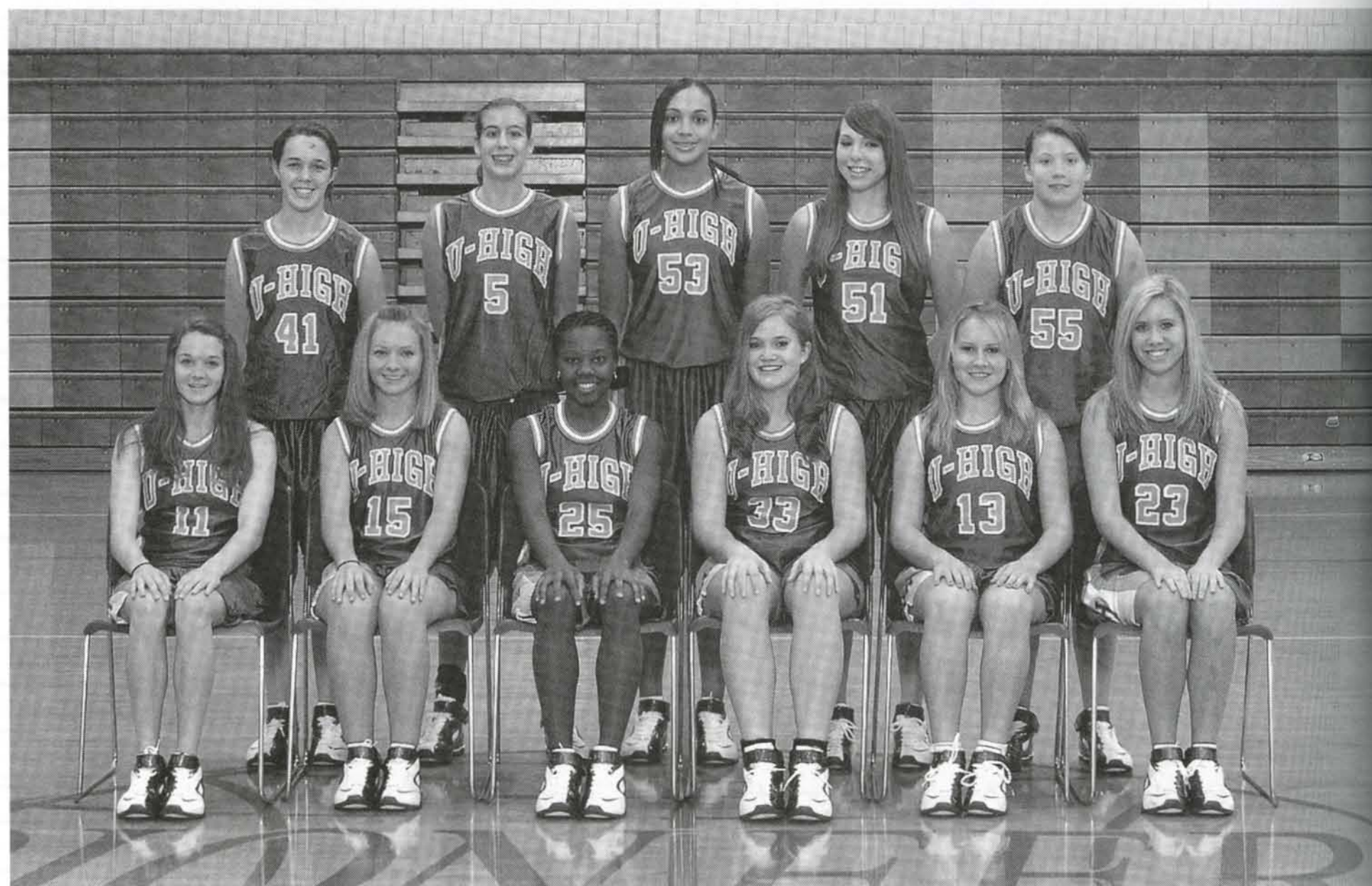
Date	Team	Results
11/17/07	Central Catholic	Won
11/23/07- 11/24/07	Springfield Tournmanet	3-1
11/29/07	Olympia	Won
12/01/07	Lincoln	Won
12/06/07	Pontiac	Won
12/08/07	Williamsville	Won
12/10/07	Eureka	Won
12/13/07	Prairie Central	Won
12/15/07	Rochester	Won
1/03/08	Mahomet	Won
1/07/08	Rantoul	Won
1/10/08	Olympia	Won
1/14/08	Central Catholic	Won
1/17/08	Pontiac	Won
1/21/08	Eureka	Won
1/24/08	Prairie Central	Won
1/26/08	Richwoods	Won
2/02/08	McNamara	Won
2/07/08	Mahomet	Won



**Front Row:** Jordan Steinbruek, Emily Clay, Kelsey Wilson, Olivia Castillom Rosie Phipps, Emily Bugg **Second Row:** Mac Olson, Mia Hartung, Haley Cook, Alexis Namoff, Laine Smid

**Individual Accomplishments:** Kelsey Wilson, *JV Most Improved Player*; Emily Clay, *JV Hustle Award*

## GIRLS FRESHMEN BASKETBALL

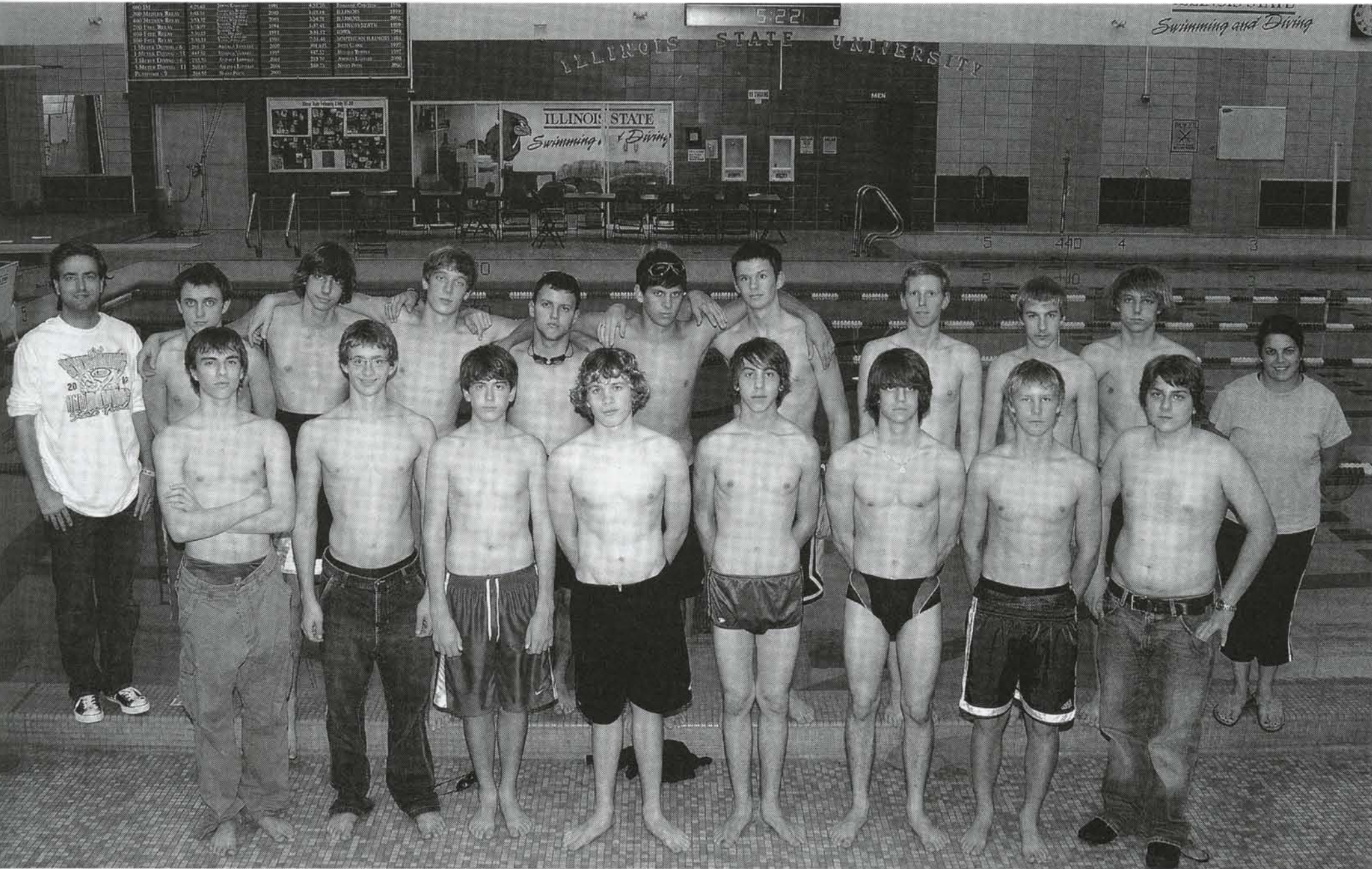


**Front Row:** Emily Clay, Jane McCulloughm Rebekah Johnson, Jenny Darrow, Emily Kraft, Mallie Feltner **Second Row:** Emily Bugg, Mia Hartung, Kelly Berryman, Briana Wirtz, Ashley Beverage

**Individual Accomplishments:** Kelly Berryman, *Freshmen Most Improved Player*; Rebekah Johnson, *Freshmen Hustle Award*



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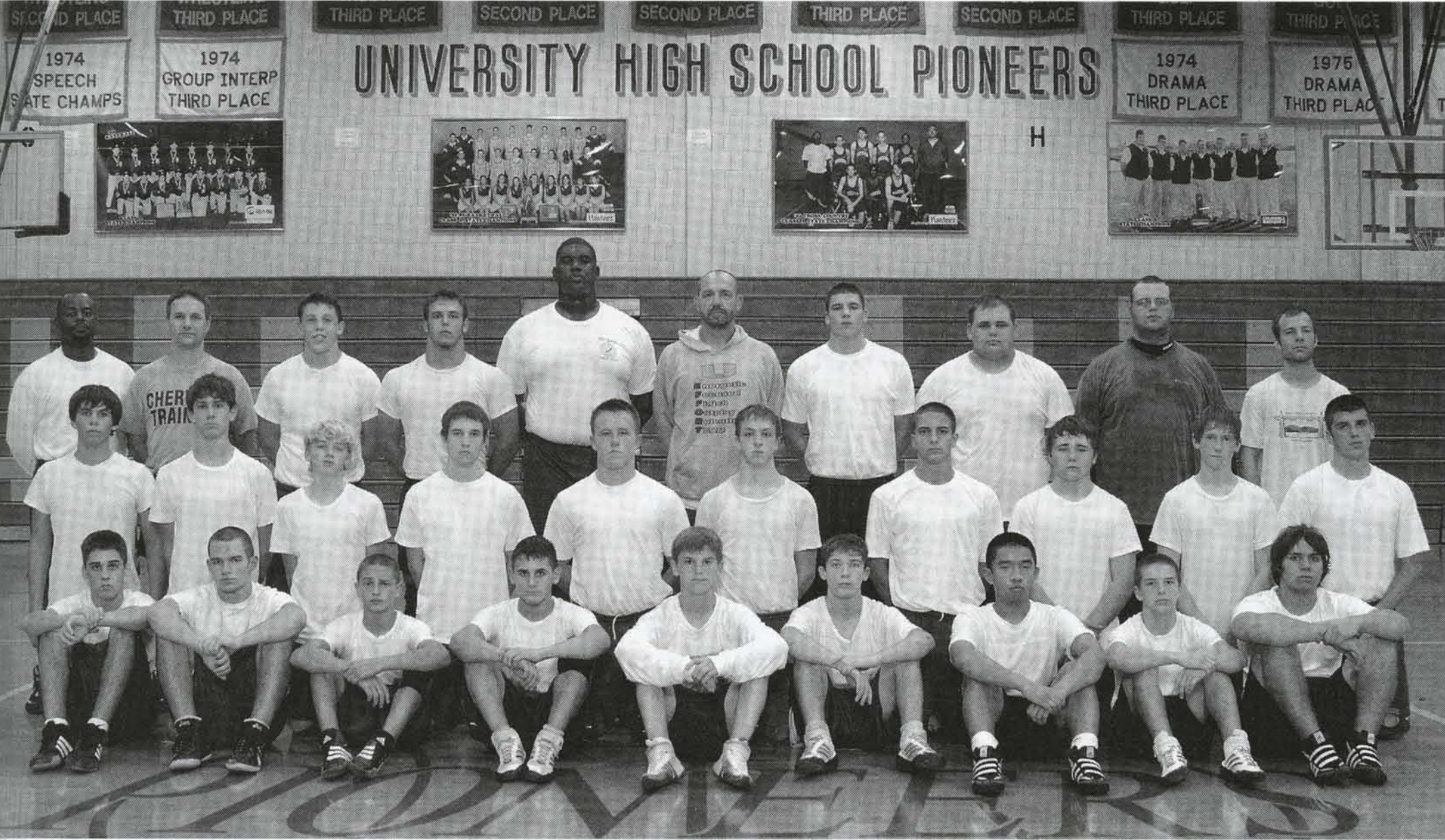


**Front Row:** Bob Stevenson, John Williamson, Mitchell Houska, Tyler Hines, Alex Huff, Zach Parton, Kegan Saajasto, Joel Gebhardt **Second Row:** Coach Burroughs, Jack McCarthy, Sebastian Grobe, Nick Houska, Anthony Duran, Michael Fritz, Vinny Melchiorri, Josh Davis, Brad Saunders, Christian Grobe, Coach Meyer

Date	Team	Results
12/04/07	Champaign Central	Won
12/08/07	Peoria Notre Dame Invite	1st
12/11/07	Urbana	Won
12/15/07	Richwoods Invite	2nd
12/29/07	Waubonsie Pentathlon	4th
1/03/08	Dunlap	Won
1/05/08	Champaign Centennial Invite	1st
1/08/08	Pekin	Won
1/17/08	Pontiac	Won
1/22/08	Intercity	1st
1/29/08	Springfield/Eureka	Won

Individual Accomplishments: Michael Fritz, *Captain, State Qualifier*; Nick Houska, *Captain, State Qualifier*; Josh Davis, *Most Valuable, State Qualifier*; Dylan Karraker, *Most Improved*; Anthony Duran, *Most Spirit*; Cole Rosenbaum, *Sportsmanship Award*; Christian Grobe, *State Qualifier*; Tyler Hines, *State Qualifier*; Jack McCarthy, *State Qualifier*; John Williamson, *State Qualifier*

WRESTLING



**Front Row:** Jace Mortimer, Pat Kelso, Drew Todino, Logan Rule, John Munson, Mikel Zaitzeff, Stephen Chow, Patrick King, Jake Thacker **Second Row:** Mitchell Januzik, Robert Chambers, Michael Kull, Tom Donovan, Craig Rich, Ky Bailey, Jake Todino, Kyle Olson, Michael Eack, Nathan Schweitzer **Third Row:** Coach Harrism Coach Dearing, Max Hayden, Joe Waropay, Max Chambers, Head Coach Troll, Jake Augspurger, Cory Olson, Coach Bradshaw, Coach Deloriea

Date	Team	Results
11/28/07	Leroy	Loss
12/04/07	Seneca	Won
12/04/07	El Paso	Won
12/08/07	Quincy	Won
12/08/07	Canton	Loss
12/11/07	Normal West	Loss
12/11/07	Bloomington	Loss
12/11/07	Normal	Loss
12/13/07	Pontiac	Won
12/13/07	Prairie Central	Won
12/14/07	Clinton	Won
12/18/07	Metamora	Loss
1/03/08	Tremont	Won
1/10/08	Rantoul	Won
1/10/08	Eureka	Loss
1/22/08	Olympia	Won
1/22/08	Mahomet	Loss
1/26/08	Midwest Central	Won
1/26/08	Illini Bluffs	Loss
1/26/08	Peoria Heights	Won

Individual Accomplishments: Jake Augspurger, *Captain, Sportsmanship Award*; Joe Waropay, *Captain, Varsity MVP, Most Takedowns, Most Tech Falls, 30 Win Club, State Qualifier*; Max Hayden, *Most Team Points, Most Escapes, 30 Win Club, State Qualifier*; Cory Olsen, *Captian, Most Pins, 20 Win Club*; Kyle Olsen, *Frosh MVP*; Logan Stauffer, *Frosh MVP*; John Munson, *Most Near Falls, Most Reversals, 20 Win Club*; Logan Rule, *20 Win Club*; Drew Todino, *20 Win Club*



## BOYS TENNIS

Date	Team	Results
4/03/08	Rochester	Won
4/05/08	Bloomington Invite	3rd
4/07/08	Central Catholic	Won
4/16/08	Streator	Won
4/21/08	Washington	Won
4/25/08	Hersey Tournament	22nd
4/29/08	Danville	Won
4/30/08	Normal Communtiy	Won
5/07/08	Bloomington	Won
5/08/08	Pontiac	Won
5/12/08	Morton	Loss
5/13/08	Peoria Richwoods	Won
5/16/08	Sectional	2nd
5/22/08	State	

### Individual Accomplishments:

Gianni Africano, *Most Improved*;  
 Andre Aung, *State Qualifier, Co-MVP*;  
 Josh Clay, *Sportsmanship Award*;  
 Ben Yue, *State Qualifier, Co-MVP*;  
 Munan Singhal, *Captain*;  
 Vivek Gulati, *Commitment to Excellence*;  
 Keith Graden, *Commitment to Excellence*



**Front Row:** Kyle Graden, Kegan Saajasto, Vivek Gulati, Ben Yue, Brandon Diekhoff, Austin Peterson  
**Second Row:** Nathaniel Bass, Christopher Hoerdemann, Tilman Monsanto, Dan Grieco, Josh Clay, Cameron Ruiz, Ben Kiesewetter  
**Third Row:** Jack Mecherle, Sean Comerford, Keith Graden, Coach Reuter, Munan Singhal, Andre Aung, Gianni Africano, Bo Sparks

## VARSITY SOFTBALL (8-11)

Date	Team	Results
3/20/08	Blue Ridge	Loss
3/26/08	Morton	Loss
3/29/08	Tri-Valley	Loss
4/1/08	Olympia	Loss
4/2/08	St. Thomas More	Won
4/3/08	Central Catholic	Won
4/4/08	Rantoul	Won
4/5/08	Bloomington	Loss
4/9/08	Williamsville	Loss
4/11/08	Normal	Loss
4/15/08	Prairie Central	Won
4/17/08	Mahomet	Loss
4/18/08-4/19/08	Delavan Tournament	2-1
4/21/08	El Paso Gridley	Won
4/23/08	Pontiac	Loss
4/24/08	Rantoul	Loss
4/24/08	Eureka	Won

### Individual Accomplishments:

Sarah Cochran, *MVP*;  
 Sara Idleman, *Sportsmanship Award*;  
 Courtney Rogers, *Captain*



**Front Row:** Bailey Bottorff, Maggie Bee, Lindsay Schroeder, Kelsey Wilson, Kelsie Celis  
**Second Row:** Danielle Warner, Haley Cook, Kristen Satchwell, Ellie Sloneker  
**Third Row:** Sara Idleman, Sarah Cochran, Shelby Martin, Courtney Rogers, Kristin Walker



# JV SOFTBALL

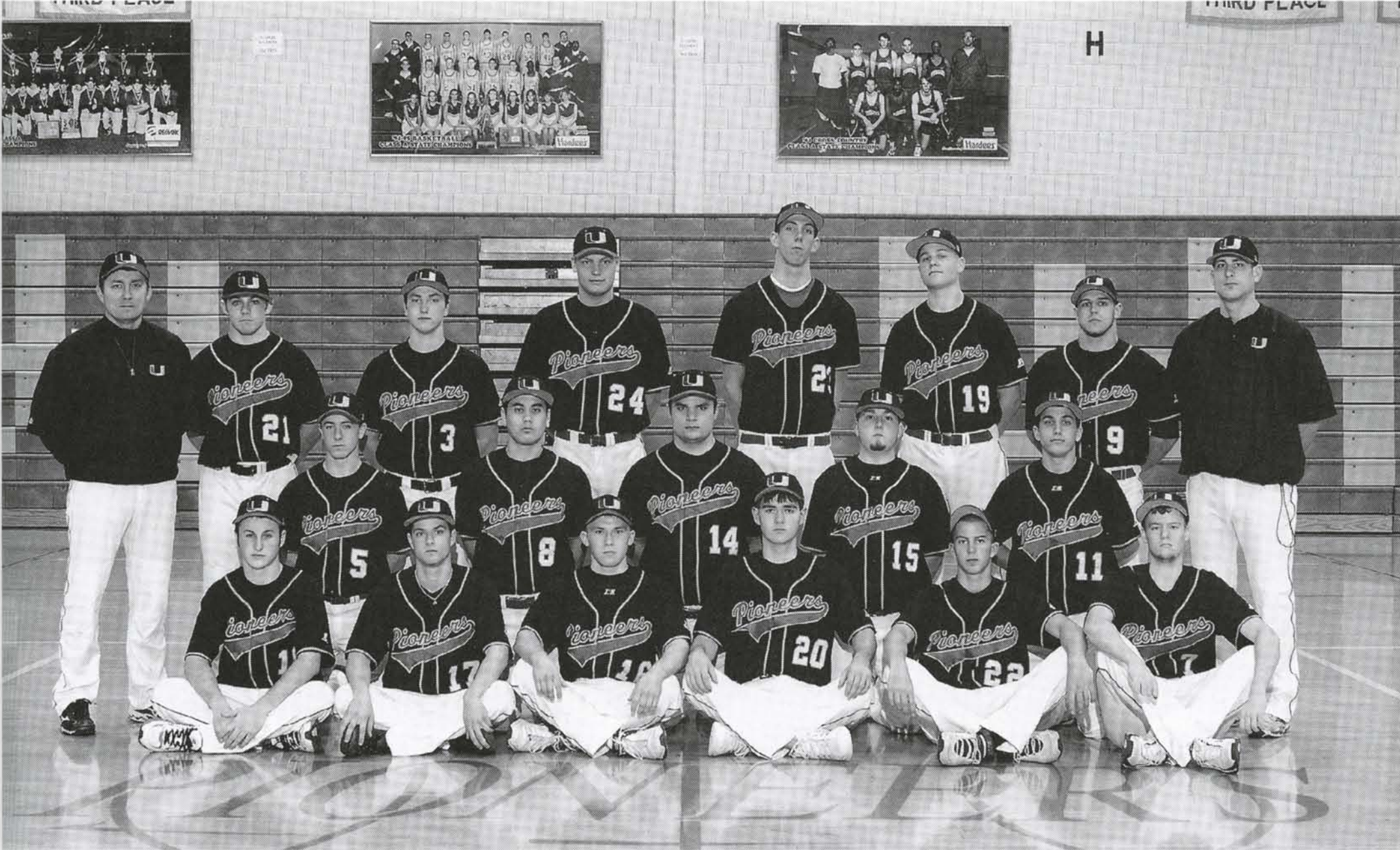


**Front Row:** Amanda Hess, Megan Leary, Emily Kraft, Morgan Sondgeroth **Second Row:** Rachel Wall, Kristina Mlincsek, Natalie Bowman, Jane McCullough, Jenny Darrow **Third Row:** Assistant Coach Sondgeroth, Melanie Goebel, Mia Hartung, Brooke Suska, Casie Golliday, Coach Pessman

Date	Team	Results
3/29/08	Tri-Valley	Loss
4/01/08	Olympia	Loss
4/03/08	Central Catholic	Won
4/05/08	Bloomington	Loss
4/15/08	Prairie Central	Loss
4/16/08	Normal Community	Loss
4/17/08	Mahomet-Seymour	Won
4/19/08	Tri-Valley	Won/Loss
4/21/08	Normal West	Loss
4/22/08	Rantoul	Won
4/23/08	Pontiac	Loss
4/24/08	Eureka	Tie
4/29/08	Central Catholic	Won
5/01/08	Pontiac	Loss
5/06/08	Eureka	Won
5/08/08	Central Catholic	Won

**Individual Accomplishments:**  
 Casie Golliday, *Most Valuable Player*; Brooke Shushka, *Best Offensive Player*; Amanda Hess, *Most Improved*; Jane McCullough, *Best Defensive Player*

# VARSITY BASEBALL



**Front Row:** Nick Kauffman, Cody Stultz, Aaron Barton, Dustin Stuart, Connor Brown, Ryan Ehredt **Second Row:** Dave Bartosik, Derek Dauenbaugh, Rich Shepherd, Kevin Rotsch, Sean Dozier **Third Row:** Coach Bee, Zach Zentner, EJ Schiller, Andy McNeely, Eric McCullough, Jason Gendron, Joe Waropay, Coach Craig

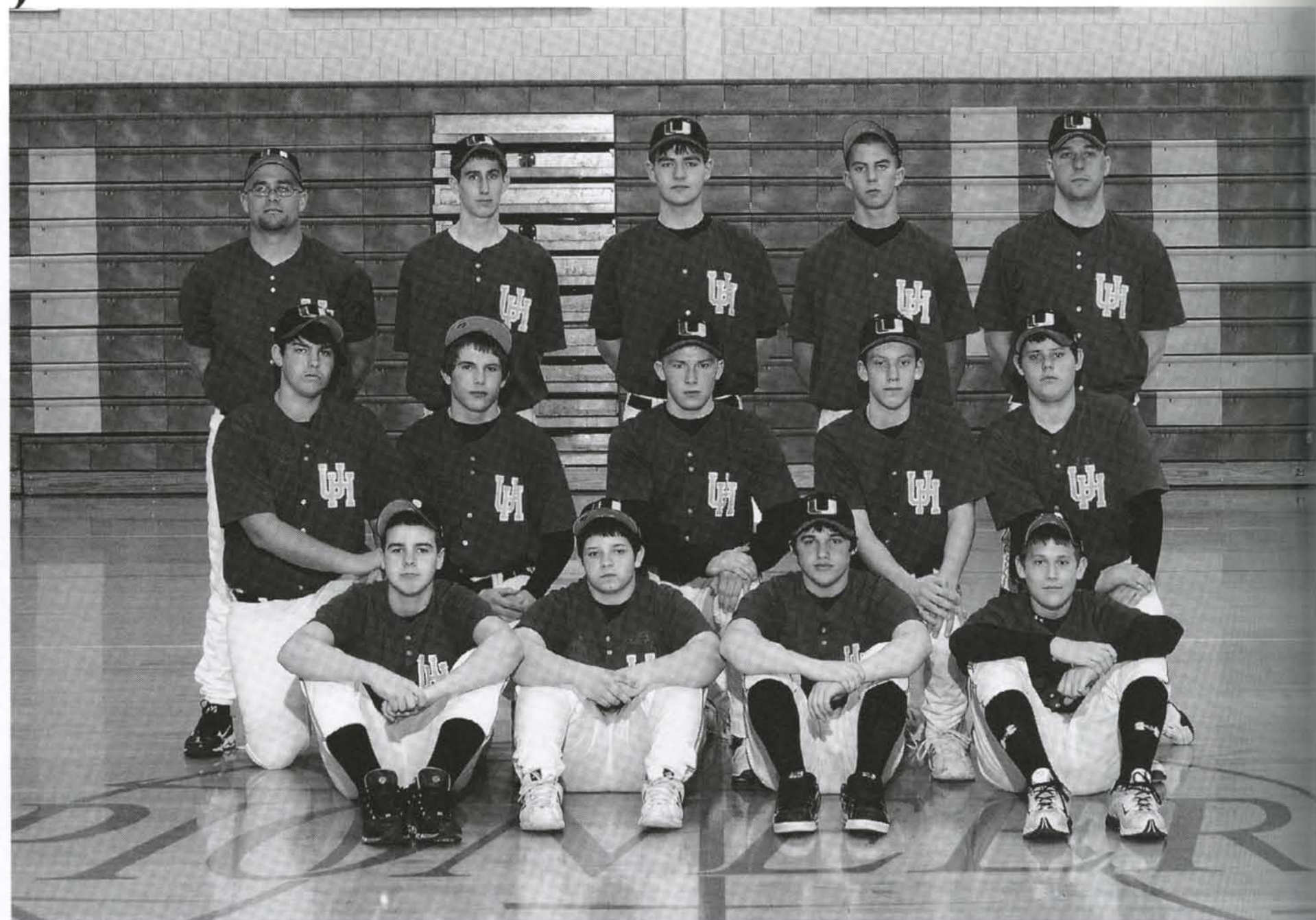
**Individual Accomplishments:** Connor Brown, *Sportsmanship Award*; Derek Dauenbaugh, *MVP*

Date	Team	Results
3/13/08	Wilson Central	Won
3/13/08	Pope John Paul	Loss
3/14/08	Upperman	Loss
4/1/08	Olympia	Loss
4/3/08	Central Catholic	Won
4/4/08	Bloomington	Won
4/9/08	Normal	Loss
4/11/08	Normal West	Won
4/14/08	Pontiac	Won
4/15/08	Prarie Central	Won
4/16/08	Peru St. Bede	Won
4/17/08	Mahomet-Seymour	Won
4/21/08	Eureka	Won
4/22/08	Rantoul	Won
4/23/08	Rochester	Loss
4/25/08	O'Fallon	Loss
4/26/08	Peoria Woodruff	Loss
4/29/08	Central Catholic	Won
5/1/08	Eureka	Won
5/3/08	Mahomet-Seymour	Won
5/5/08	Central Catholic	Won
5/7/08	LaSalle-Peru	Won
5/12/08	Pontiac	Won
5/14/08	Morton	Loss
5/16/08	Streator	Loss
5/17/08	Lincoln	Won
5/22/08	Bloomington	Loss



# JV BASEBALL

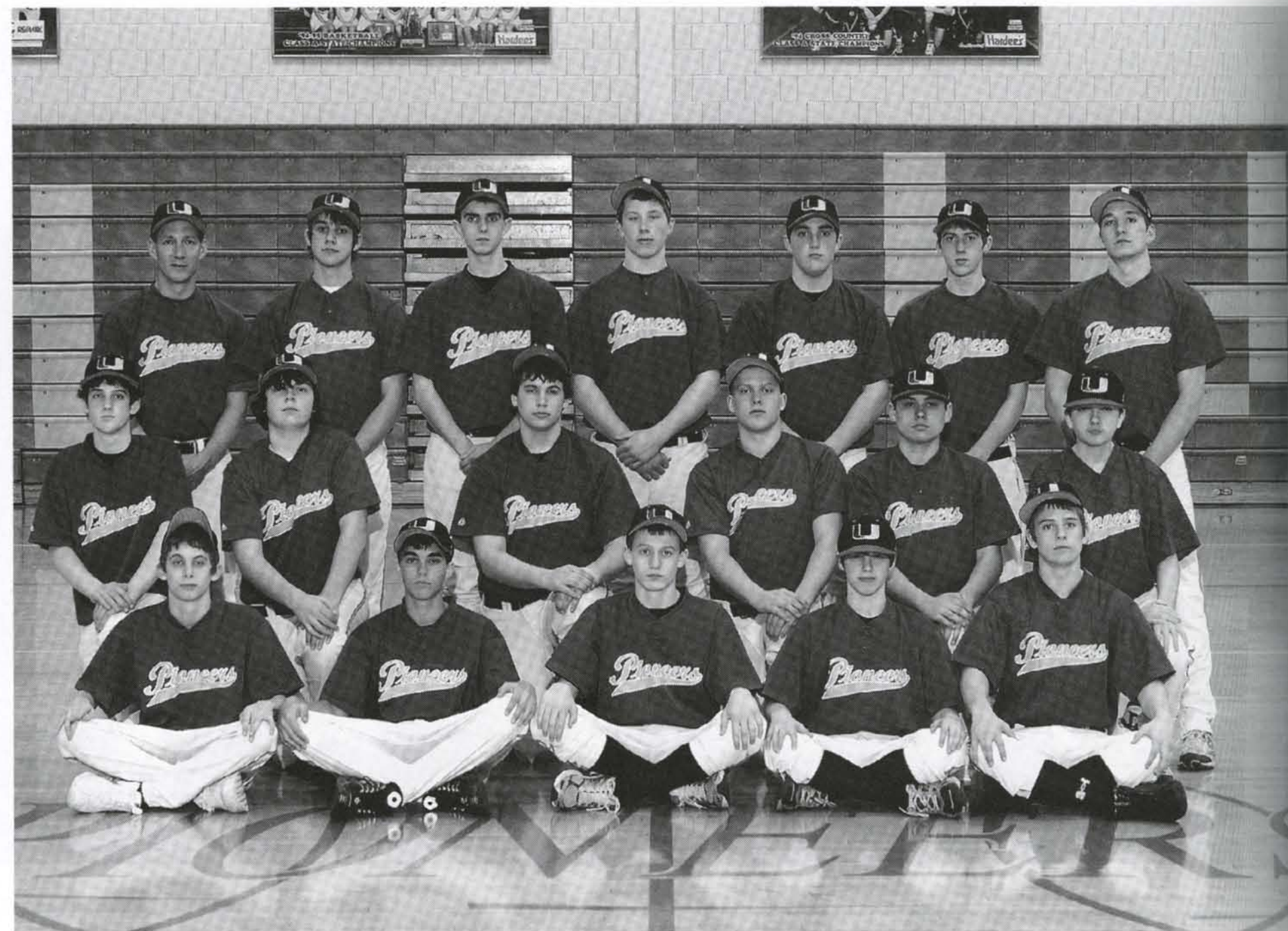
Date	Team	Results
4/02/08	Bloomington	Loss
4/03/08	Central Catholic	Loss
4/07/08	Normal Community	Won
4/15/08	Pontiac	Won
4/17/08	Mahomet-Seymour	Loss
4/19/08	Tri-Valley	Loss/ Won
4/22/08	Rantoul	Loss
4/23/08	Olympia	Loss
4/24/08	Normal West	Loss
4/25/08	Morton	Loss
4/29/08	Central Catholic	Loss
5/01/08	Pontiac	Loss
5/03/08	Rochester	Loss/ Loss
5/05/08	Normal Community	Loss
5/06/08	Eureka	Won
5/09/08	Metamora	Loss
5/10/08	Lexington	Won/ Loss
5/14/08	Bloomington	Loss



**Front Row:** Adam Doubet, Gary Nalefski, Colby Carr, Ian Standard **Second Row:** Tanner Frey, Cole Wardlow, Aaron Barton, Kyle Gallagher, Dan Nibbelin **Third Row:** Coach Christian, DJ Blume, Dustin Stuart, Connor Brown, Coach Gessert

# FRESHMAN BASEBALL

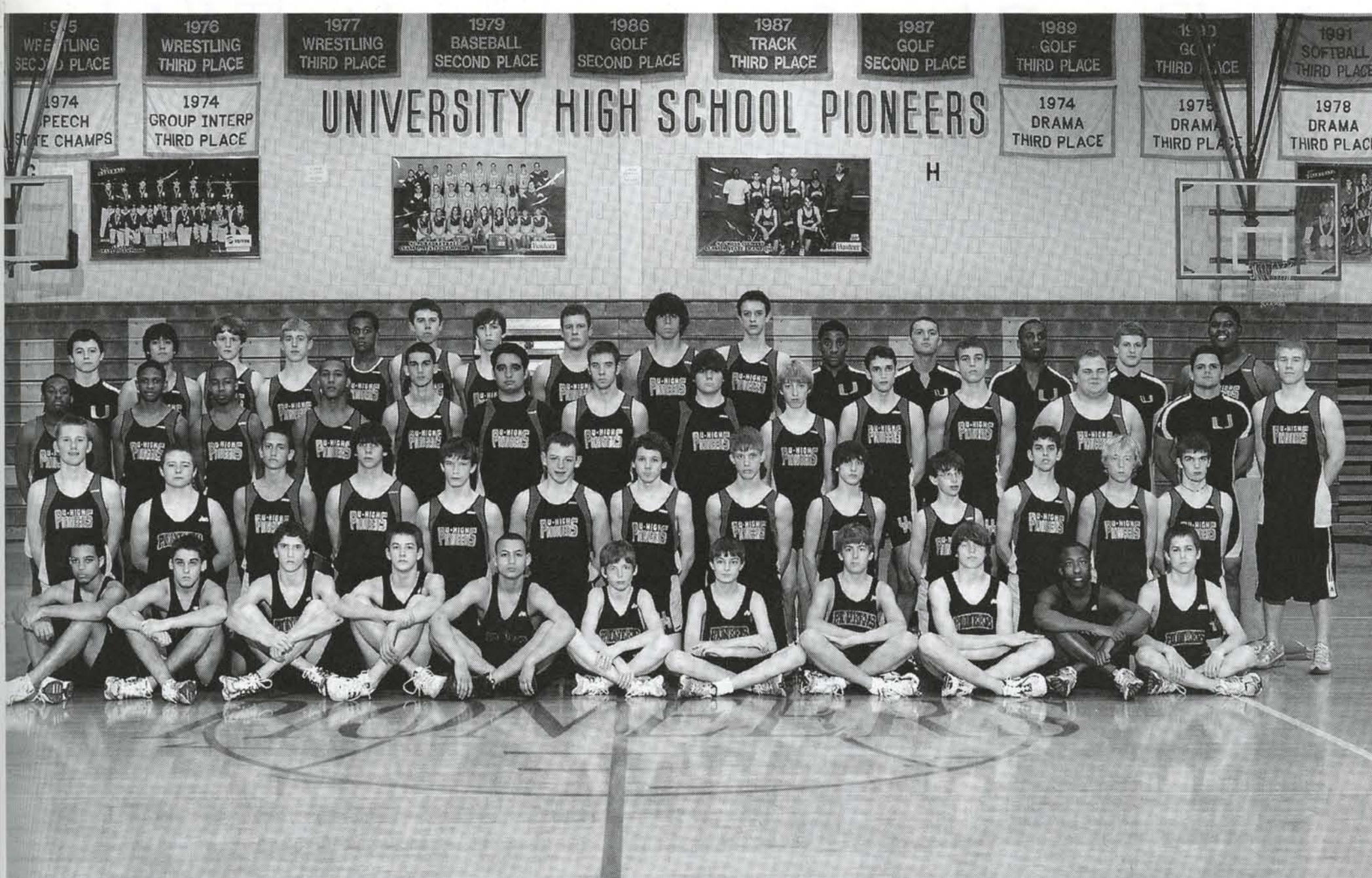
Date	Team	Results
3/29/08	Clinton	Loss/ Loss
4/02/08	Central Catholic	Loss
4/05/08	East Peoria	Won/ Won
4/7/08	Prarie Central	Won
4/11/08	Lincoln	Won
4/12/08	Champaign Centennial	Won
4/14/08	Central Catholic	Loss
4/15/08	Herscher	Loss
4/22/08	Normal West	Loss
4/24/08	Mahomet	Won
4/26/08	Rochester	Loss/ Won
5/01/08	Normal Community	Loss
5/02/08	Metamora	Won
5/03/08	Morton	Loss
5/06/08	Tremont	Loss
5/07/08	Pontiac	Loss
5/12/08	Pontiac	Loss
5/14/08	Bloomington	Won



**Front Row:** Nate May, Alex Parlette, Jon Ray, Matthew Carr, Drew Potter **Second Row:** Michael Hartman, Matt Erikson, Scott Endsley, JP Langellier, Nick Paul, Austin Monteith **Third Row:** Coach Hendren, Preston Harris, Tanner Temby, Trevor Dennewitz, Nick Ensenberger, Andrew Arthur, Coach Hochstetter



# BOYS TRACK

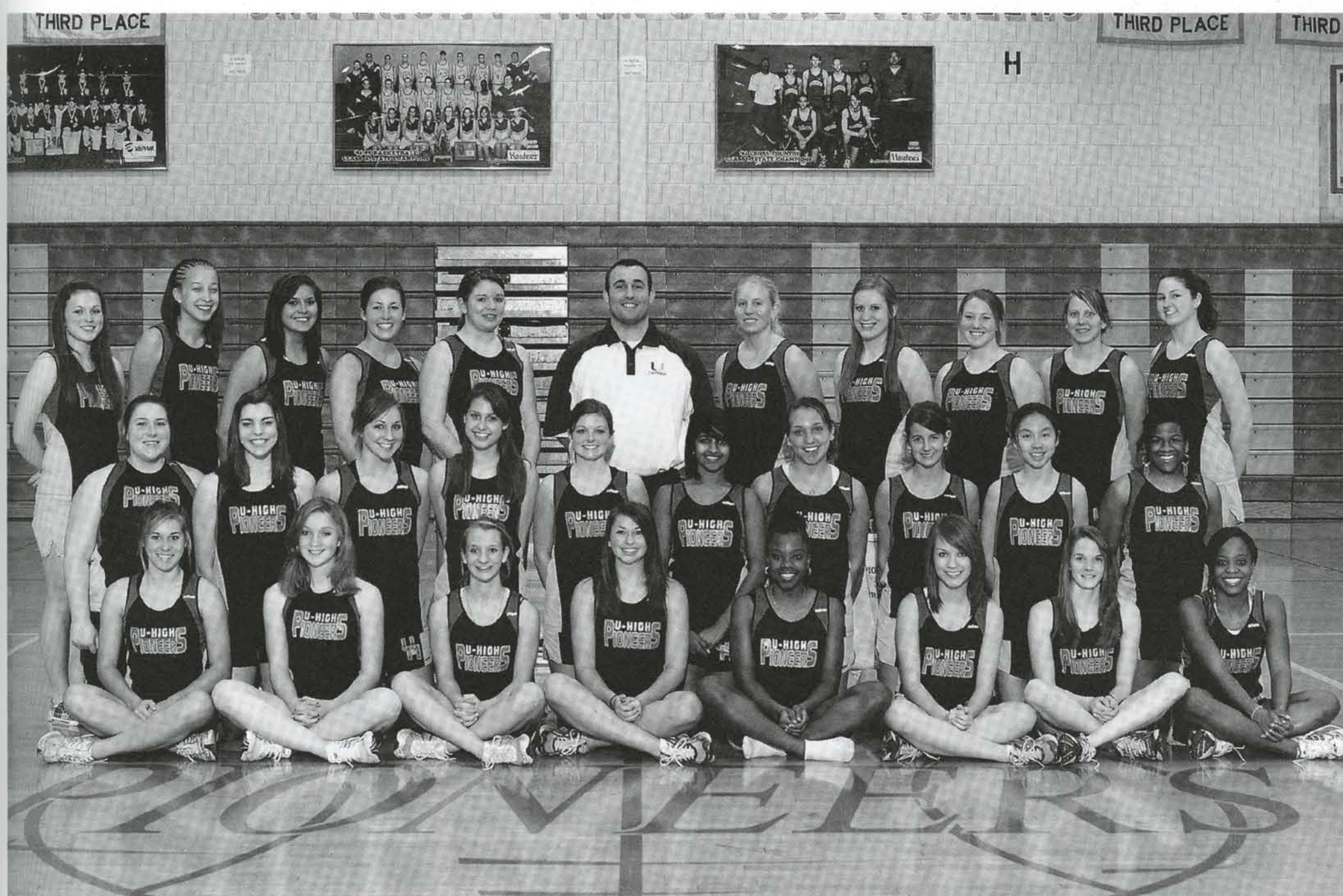


**Front Row:** Jonathan McDowell, Jace Mortimer, Tanner Russell, Aaron Tuttle, Brooks Woolfolk, Ben Henderson, Josh Ayers, Mitchell Houska, Nic Flach, Jason Brooks, Jordan Kilhoffer **Second Row:** Tyler Scott, Kyle Olsen, James Clay, Mitchell Januzik, Mikel Zaitzeff, Blake Heiner, Stephen Husk, Cody Gudenrath, Ryan Rutherford, Lance Jessurun, Jeff McKinzie, Wil Ward, Ian Walling **Third Row:** Wes, Holloway, Jeff Staten, Jonathan Hill, TJ Smith, Connor Cross, Rustin Fakheri, Ryan Lehner, Peter Siegfried, Kirk Saunders, Josiah Husk, Andy Noe, Cory Olsen, Will Brucker, Tim Glover **Fourth Row:** Collin Kraft, Taiyo Wilson, Alex Goebel, Rob Hanson, Kevin Forde, Nick Geyer, Zach McGowan, Scott Blair, Dillon Sloneker, Chris Michels, Ikechi Nnamani, TJ Davis, Sean Hastings, Ben Hall, Max Chambers

Date	Team	Results
2/29/08	Normal West Relay	No Scores
3/08/08	ISU Relays	No Scores
3/22/08	Cogdal Relays	No Scores
4/01/08	St. Joe/Monticello	Won
4/03/08	Central Catholic	Won
4/08/08	Lincoln/Clinton/Olympia	2nd
4/12/08	Lanphier High	6th
4/15/08	Central Catholic	3rd
4/18/08	Normal Relays	3rd
4/22/08	Intercity	4th
4/29/08	Olympia Relays	Won
5/01/08	F/S Conference	4th
5/02/08	Clinton Carnival	Won
5/5/08	Conference	2nd
5/12/08	Normal JV Invite	No Scores
5/16/08	Sectional	5th

**Individual Accomplishments:** Scott Blair, *Co-MVP Field*; Kevin Forde, *MVP Distance*; Will Brucker, *MVP Sprints*; Josiah Husk, *Most Improved*; Ikechi Nnamani, *Co-MVP Field*; Andy Noe, *Sportsmanship Award*; Kirk Saunders, *Most Improved*; Jake Todino, *Comeback Award*; James Clay, *Top Newcomer*

# GIRLS TRACK



**Front Row:** Olivia Castillo, Kambria Vance, Elizabeth Composto, Georgia Keen, Rebekah Johnson, Kelsey Emmert, Emily Clay, Rachel Johnson **Second Row:** Kimberly Probus, Jessie Whitman, Laine Smid, Alexis Namoff, Rosie Phipps, Gowtami Rajendran, Kara Butorac, Rachel Witte, Wen Yang, Melanie Matlock **Third Row:** Amanda Lawler, Jordan Bond, Brandi Broker, Katie Erdman, Alyssa Humphreys, Coach Lyons, Janelle Galloway, Anna DeGraaf, Candis Laesch, Carly Stephens, Ashlee Sang



# VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER



**Front Row:** Paige Knippenberg, Emily Hahn, Jenna Wampler, Claire Jones, Anneke Schweers  
**Second Row:** Emily Allen, Lindsey Spaits, Mac Olson, Courtney Allen, Sadie Somers, Colleen Campbell  
**Third Row:** Coach Whiting, Erin Sage, Anna Doran, Heather Wickenhauser, Liz Phipps, Renee Demont, Coach Sefton

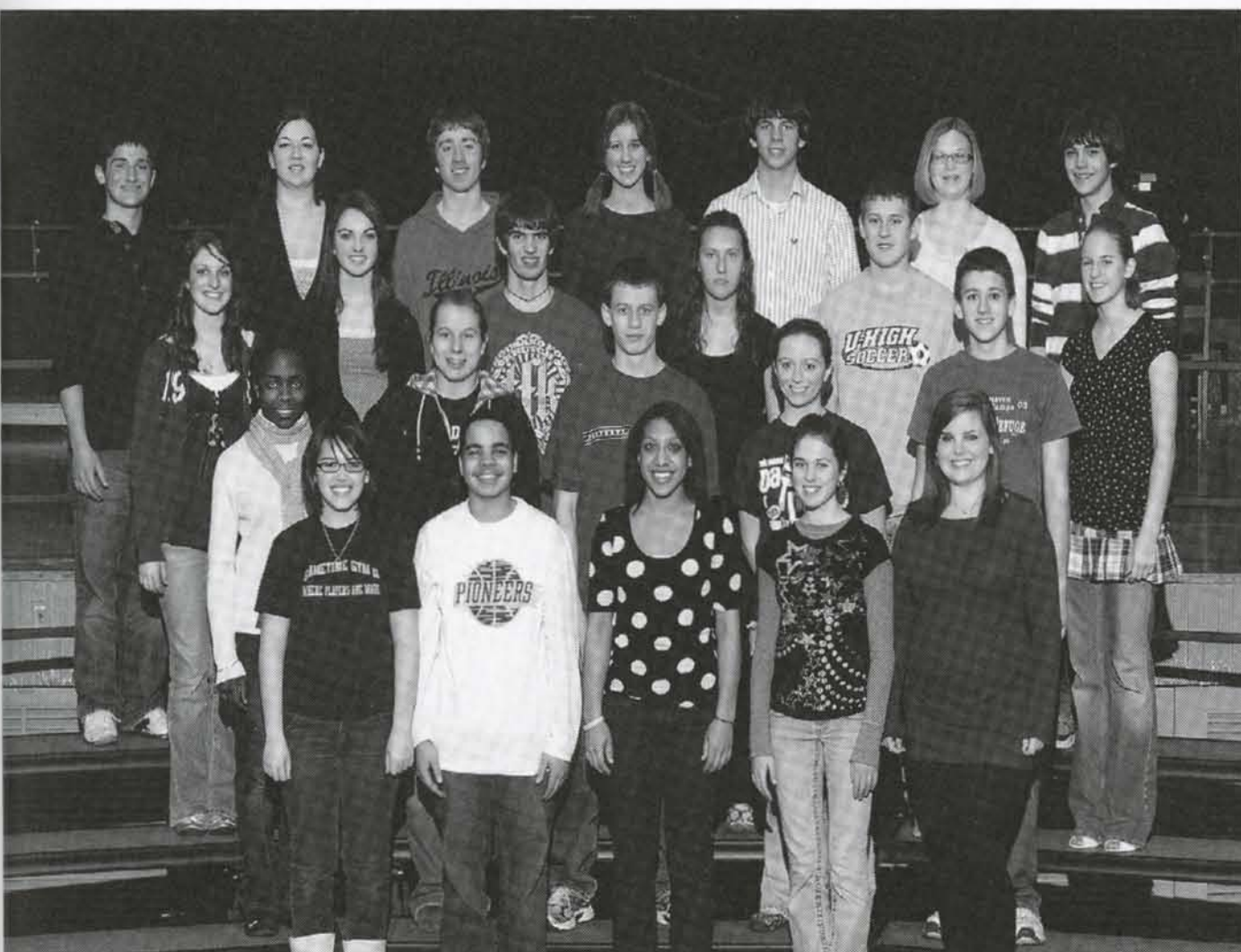
# JV GIRLS SOCCER



**Front Row:** Lydia Wilson, Anneke Schweers, RYANNE GORSUCH, Anna Vaughn, Marissa Tank, Alia Khan, Danie Reece  
**Second Row:** Renee Demont, Sadie Somers, Emily Hahn, Claire Jones, Jenna Wampler, Mac Olson  
**Third Row:** Coach Whiting, Allison Vaughn, Colleen Campbell, Andi Schweers, Hannah Krajewski, Jessica Everingham, Coach Sefton

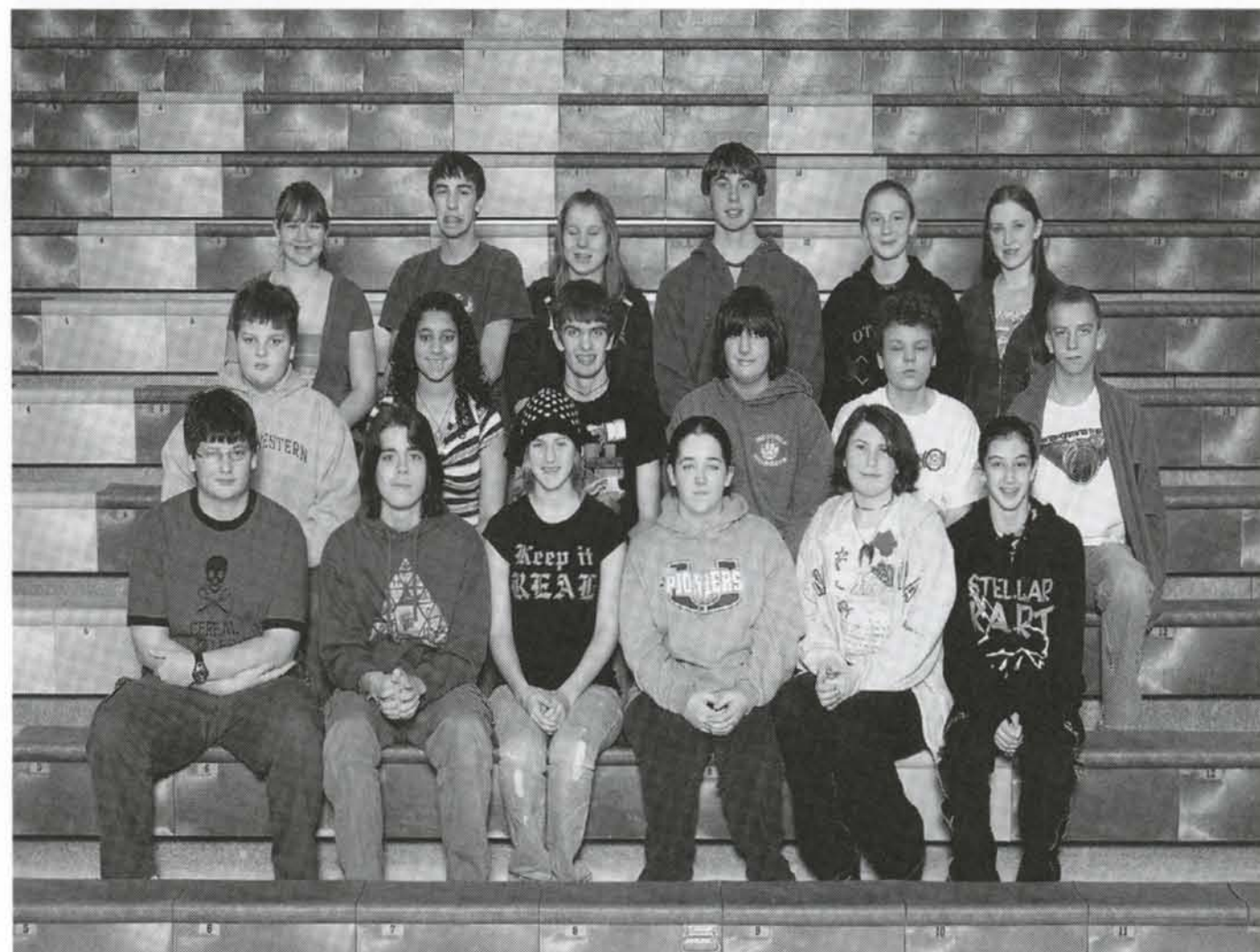


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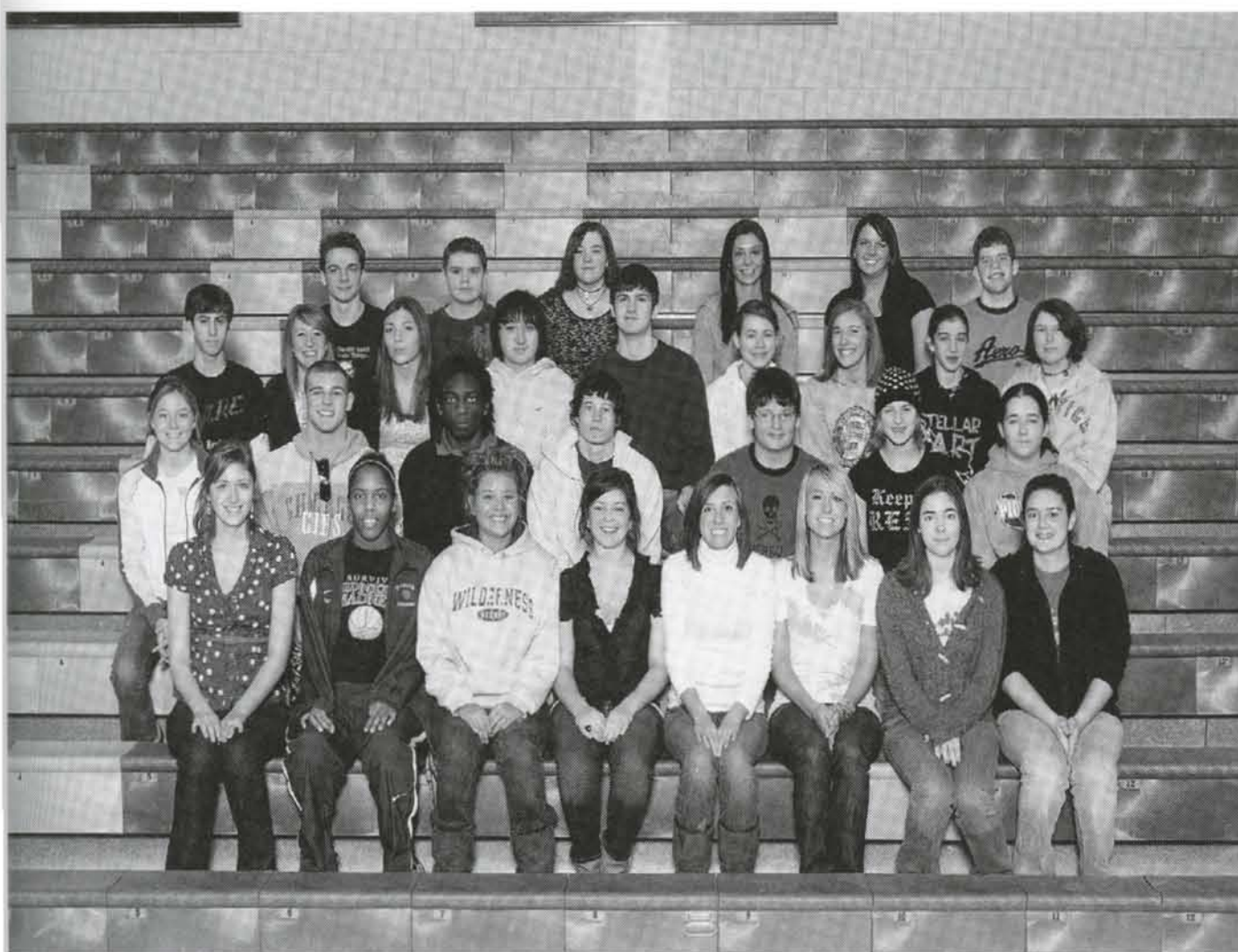
**Row 1:** Angie Ostaszewski, James Love, Lauren Brooks, Kelsey Larson, Samantha Bryden **Row 2:** Wivine Ngongo, Kelsey Maffett, Jonathan Ray, Rynne Gorsch, Grant Miller **Row 3:** Elizabeth Lindenmeier, Michelle Mercier, Ian Walling, Emily Donnan, Ian Standard, Caitlin Shaw **Row 4:** Dan Grieco, Annie Downey, Jack Capodice, Rachel Solava, Mitch Januzik, Kristin Weaver, Alex Parlette

## Anime Club



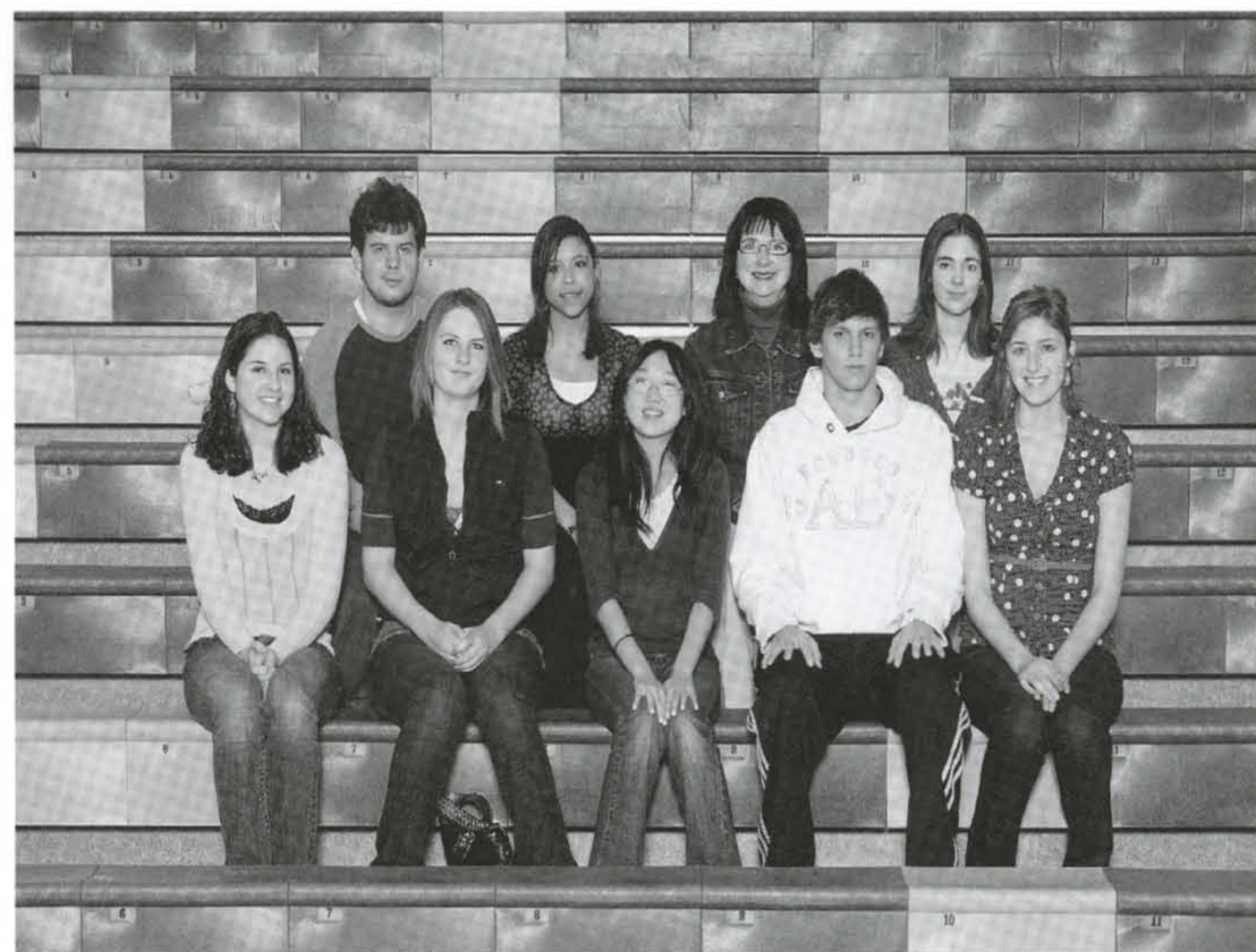
**Row 1:** Nathan Alden, Jake Oakley, Catelyn Shaw, Katie Newport, Jennifer Wilt, Tara Crampton **Row 2:** Jon Alden, Marta Ayele, Ian Walling, Tim Hatch, Alex Harris, Josh Alsmann **Row 3:** Andi Schweers, Zach McGowan, Kelsey Maffett, Paul Beckman, Shannon Bogue, Stephanie Carlson

## Art Club



**Row 1:** Jenna Floyd, Chantaivia Knight, Mercedes Martinez, Liz Phipps, Ally Miller, Liz Massey, Hayley Hartoun, Chelsea Harris **Row 2:** Kaitlyn Wampler, Joe Waropay, Chadman James, Jack McCaw, Nathan Alden, Catelyn Shaw, Katie Newport **Row 3:** Tim Nash, Bailey McDowell, Kate Tannura, Ian Ostaszewski, Michael Quarton, Claire Jones, Kathryn Cullen, Tara Crampton, Jennifer Wilt **Row 4:** Aaron Slama, Arik Henning, Jenny Mercer, Lauren Leffler, Renee Demont

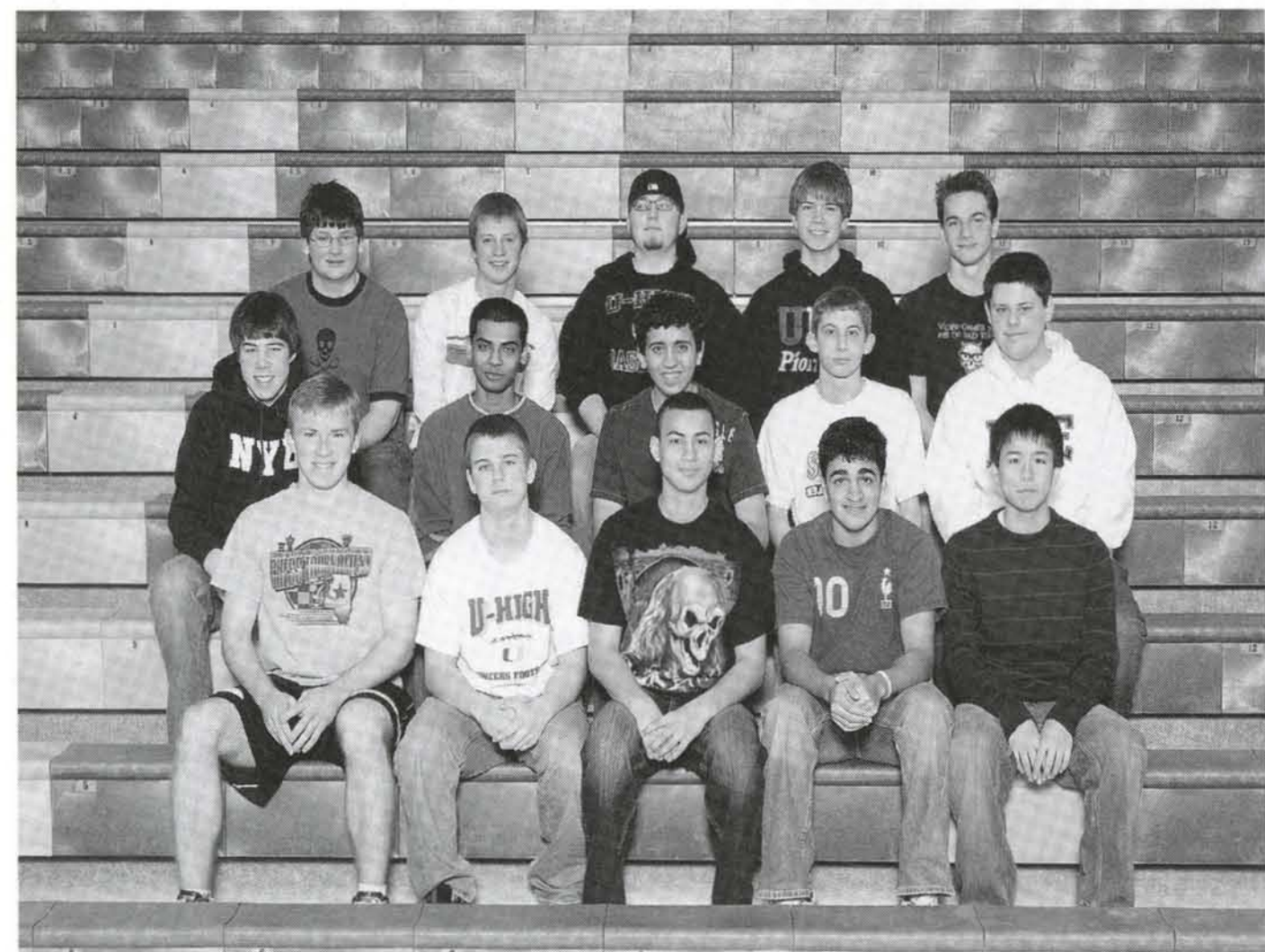
## Brome and Beyond



**Row 1:** Ashlee Sang, Samantha Walker, Xixi Tian, Michael Fritz, Jenna Floyd **Row 2:** Alex Kraft, Jennifer Janssen, Mrs. Clessen, Hayley Harroun



# Chess Team



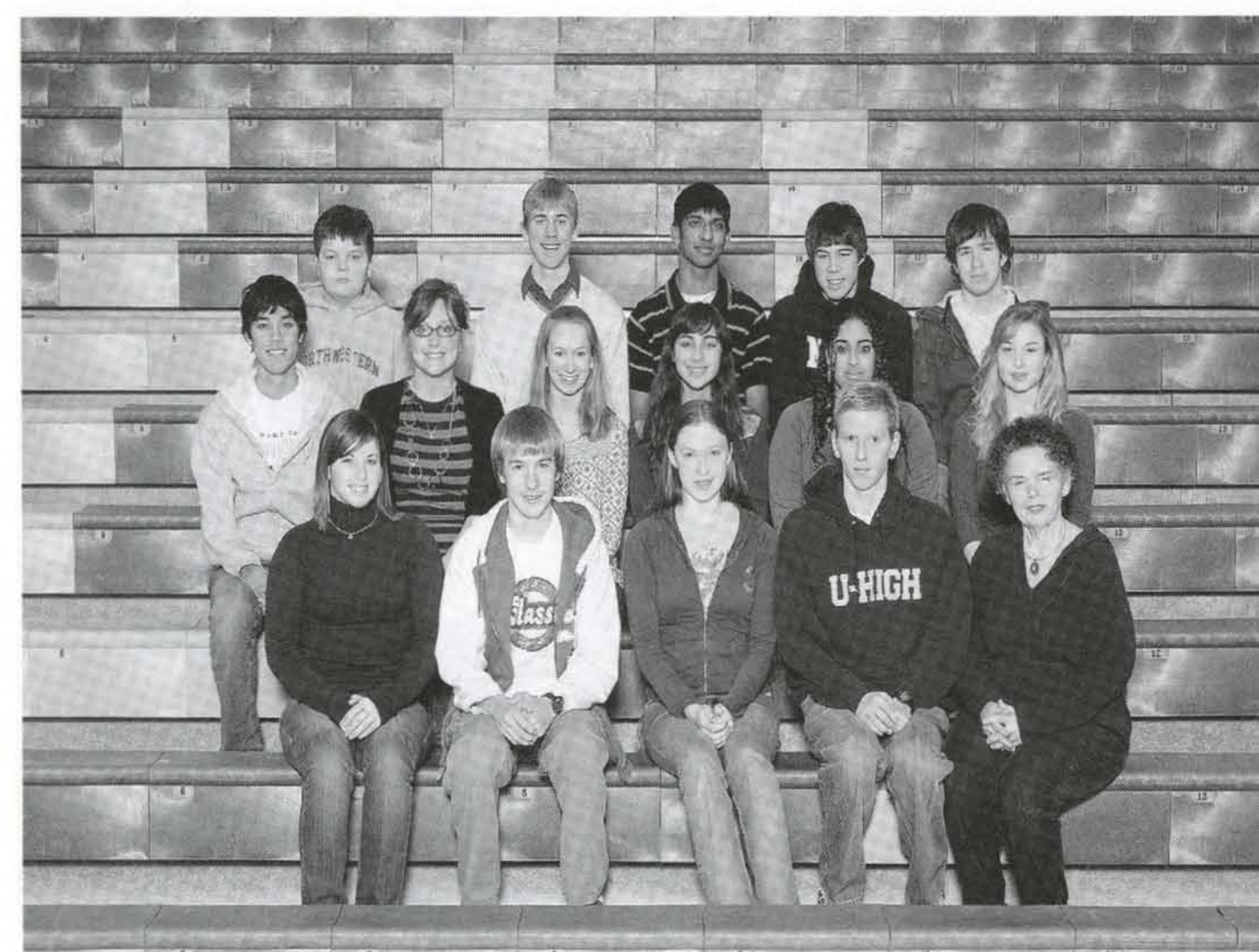
**Row 1:** Aaron Barton, Drew Potter, Brooks Woolfolk, Luke Nayak, Brian Tanaka **Row 2:** Sean Comerford, Siddharth Sathyam, Vivek Gulati, Nate May, Dan Nibbelin **Row 3:** Nathan Alden, Eric Meier, Kevin Rotsch, Alexander Zaitzeff, Aaron Slama

# Chorus I



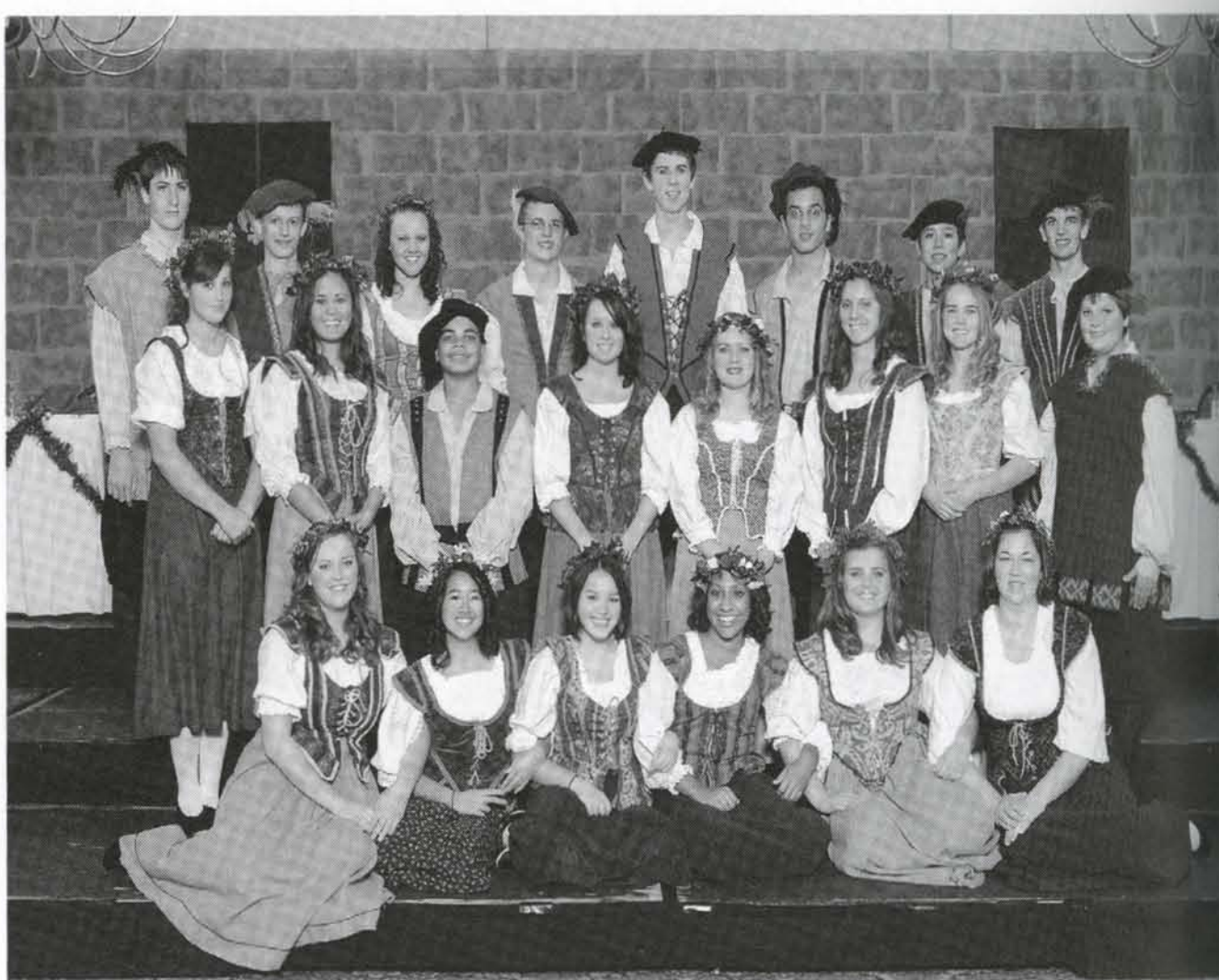
**Row 1:** Mary Solberg, Lynn Burkhead, Katie Newport, Jade Kestian, Laura Smith, Morgan Sodgeroth, Kelsey Shaw, Aleesa Brooks, Jon Alden, William Brown, Dylan Karraker, Stefan Zeller **Row 2:** Aubrey Williamson, Raelynn Hoskins, Breanna Hoskins, Anna Weis, Megan Leary, Whit Pledger, Rachel Wall, Traci Olson, Alejandro Montes-deoca, Alex Parlette, Bobby Bobbitt, Kenny Lane, Mack Miner **Row 3:** Hannah Griffin, Kelsey Emmert, Taylor Reynolds, Taylor Roesch, Kambria Vance, Janie McMahon, Marta Ayele, Emily Showers, Kelsey Stiles, Mike Brooks, Brian Tanaka, Scott Endsley, Dan Nibbelin **Row 4:** Jenna Greenlee, Georgia Keen, Kari Lane, Emily Waltner, Olivia Eson, Erin Hutchins, Tara Crampton, Peyton Taylor, Kathryn Cullen, Claire Jones, Tilman Monsanto, Ian Standard, Mitch Januzik, Cody Stultz, George Seelinger, Jon Ray **Row 5:** Ches Glidden, Brianna Wirtz, Emma Byerly, Ashley Leffler, Kristin Weaver, Hana Ayele, Sadie Skibo, Lydia Wilson, Jenny Darrow, Kelly Berryman, Adam Haile-Mariam, Nathaniel Bass, Seth Stalter, Blair Smith, Munan Singhal, Austin Nord, Pat Kelso

# Connections



**Row 1:** Sara McCullough, Brad Saunders, Stephanie Carlson, Josh David, Dixie Lee Lewis **Row 2:** Taiyo Wilson, Lindsey Butorac, Maria Endsley, Tess Losada, Hana Ayele, Melissa Kinsella **Row 3:** Jon Alden, rob hanson, Munan Singhal, Sean Comerford, Brandon Diekoff

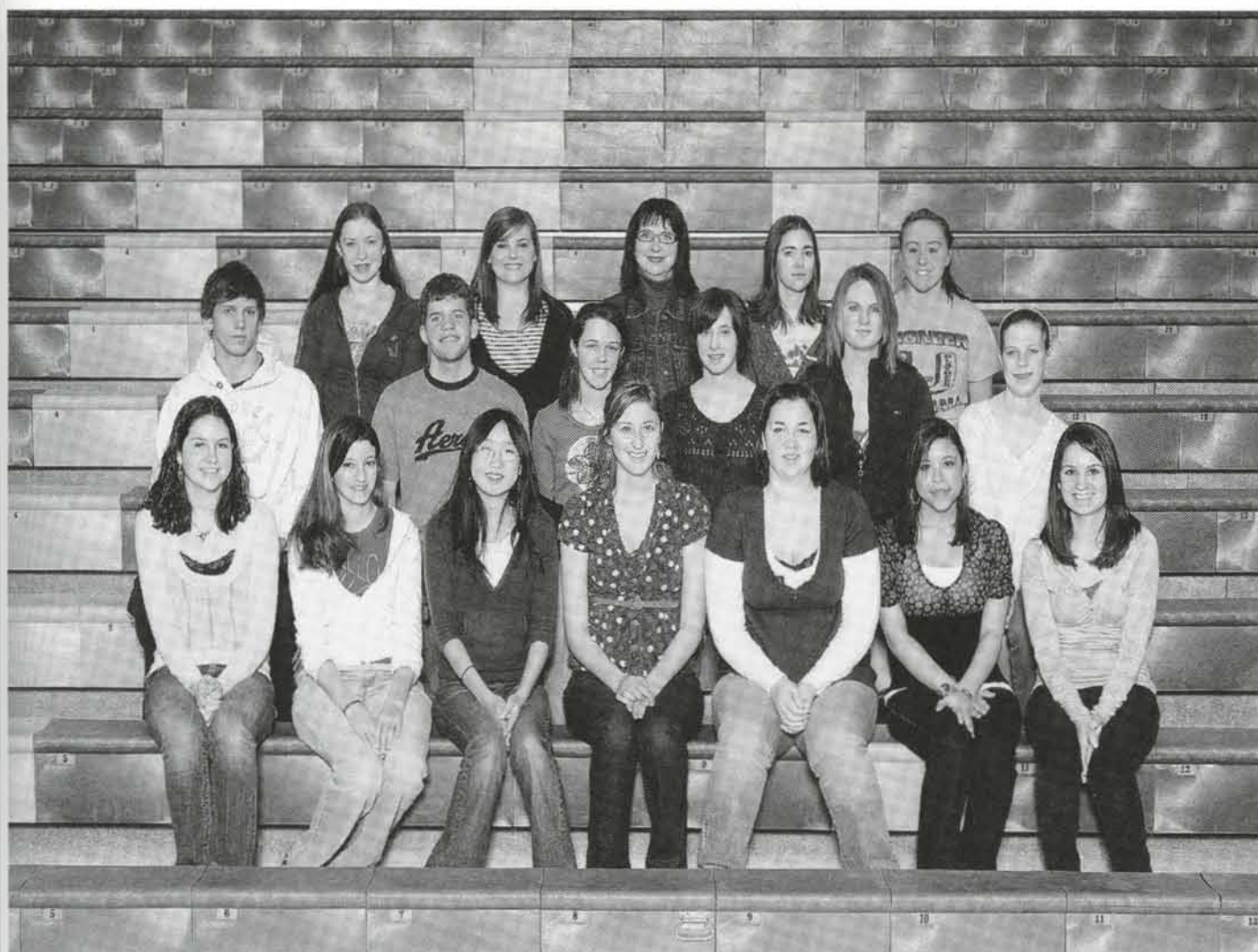
# Court Singers



**Row 1:** Becky Smith, Jessi Nguyen, Angie Ostaszewski, Lauren Brooks, Samantha Bryden, Annie Downey **Row 2:** Liz Clapper, Rachel Dauenbaugh, James Love, Maddie Andre, Lynn Burkhead, Sadie Skibo, Alex Scharf, Jonathan Alden **Row 3:** George Seelinger, Jonathan Ray, Sarah Heimerdinger, Justin Lange, Nick Geyer, Adam Hale-Mariam, Brian Tanaka, Ian Walling

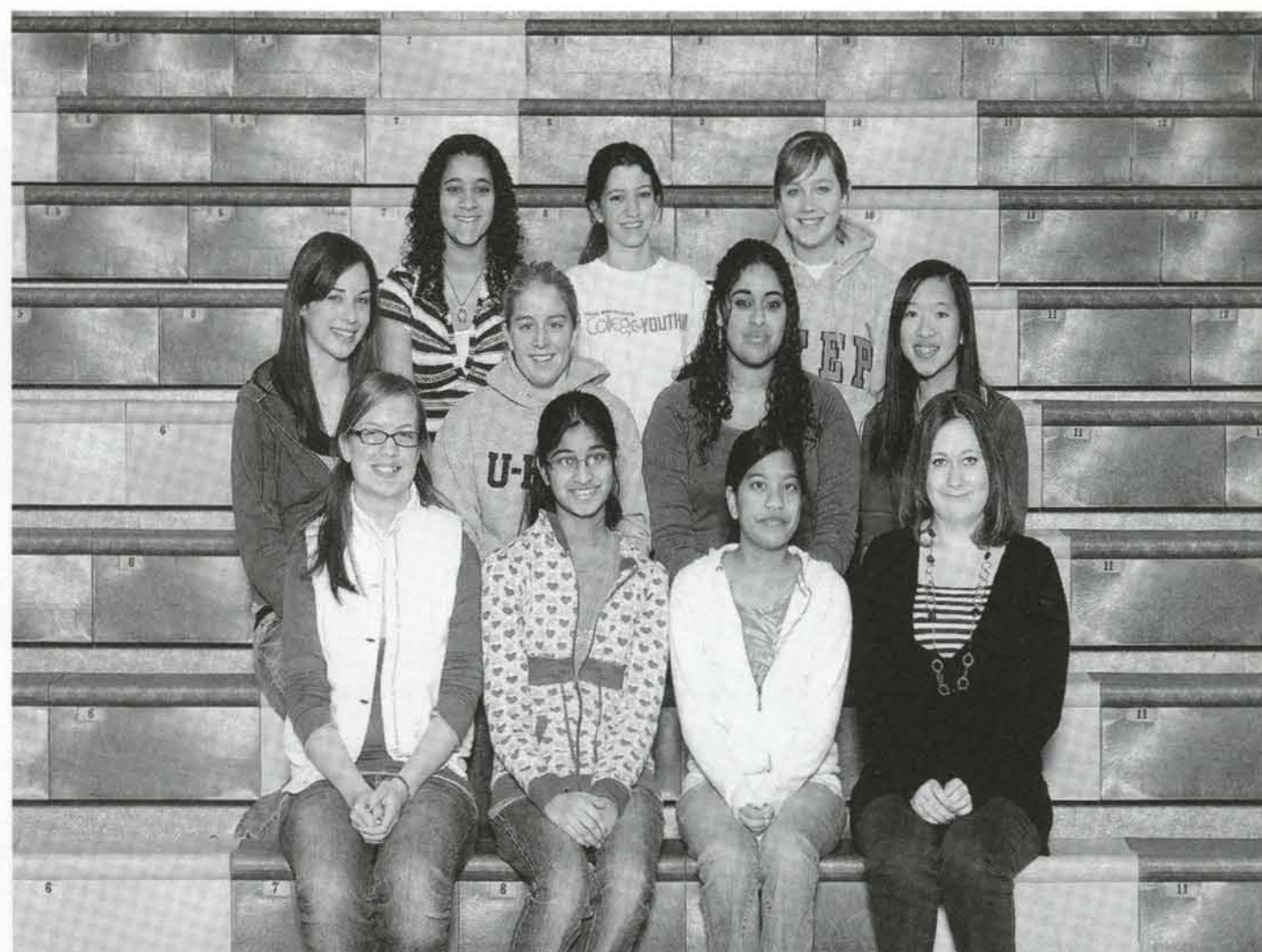


# Creative Writing Club



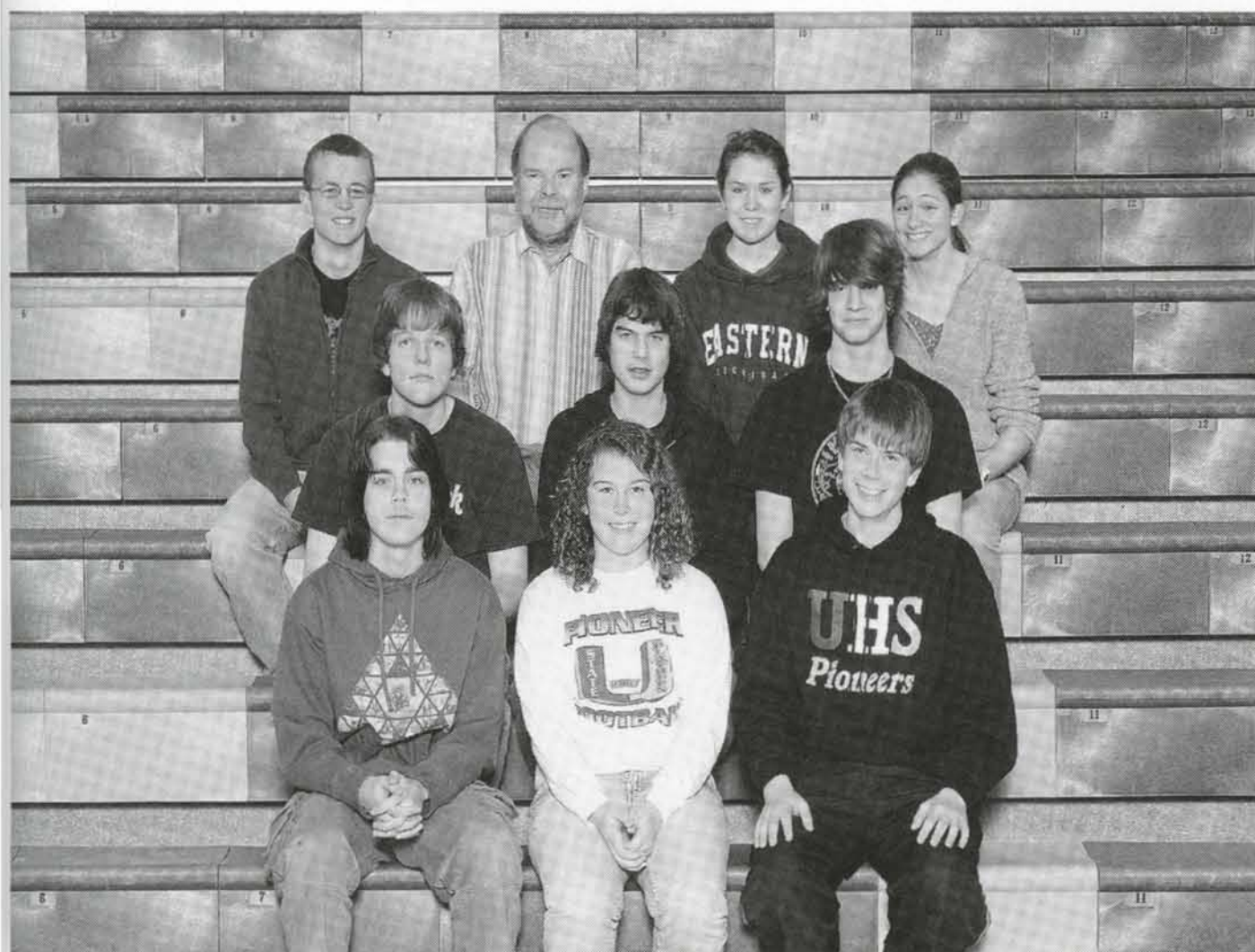
**Row 1:** Ashlee Sang, Maria Helgeson, Xixi Tian, Jenna Floyd, Annie Downey, Jennifer Janssen, Ellen Clay **Row 2:** Michael Fritz, Keith Graden, Emily Bugg, Marissa Diekhoff, Samantha Walker, Rachel Dearing **Row 3:** Stephanie Carlson, Samantha Bryden, Mrs. Clesson, Hayley Harroun, Caity Baugh

# Culture Club



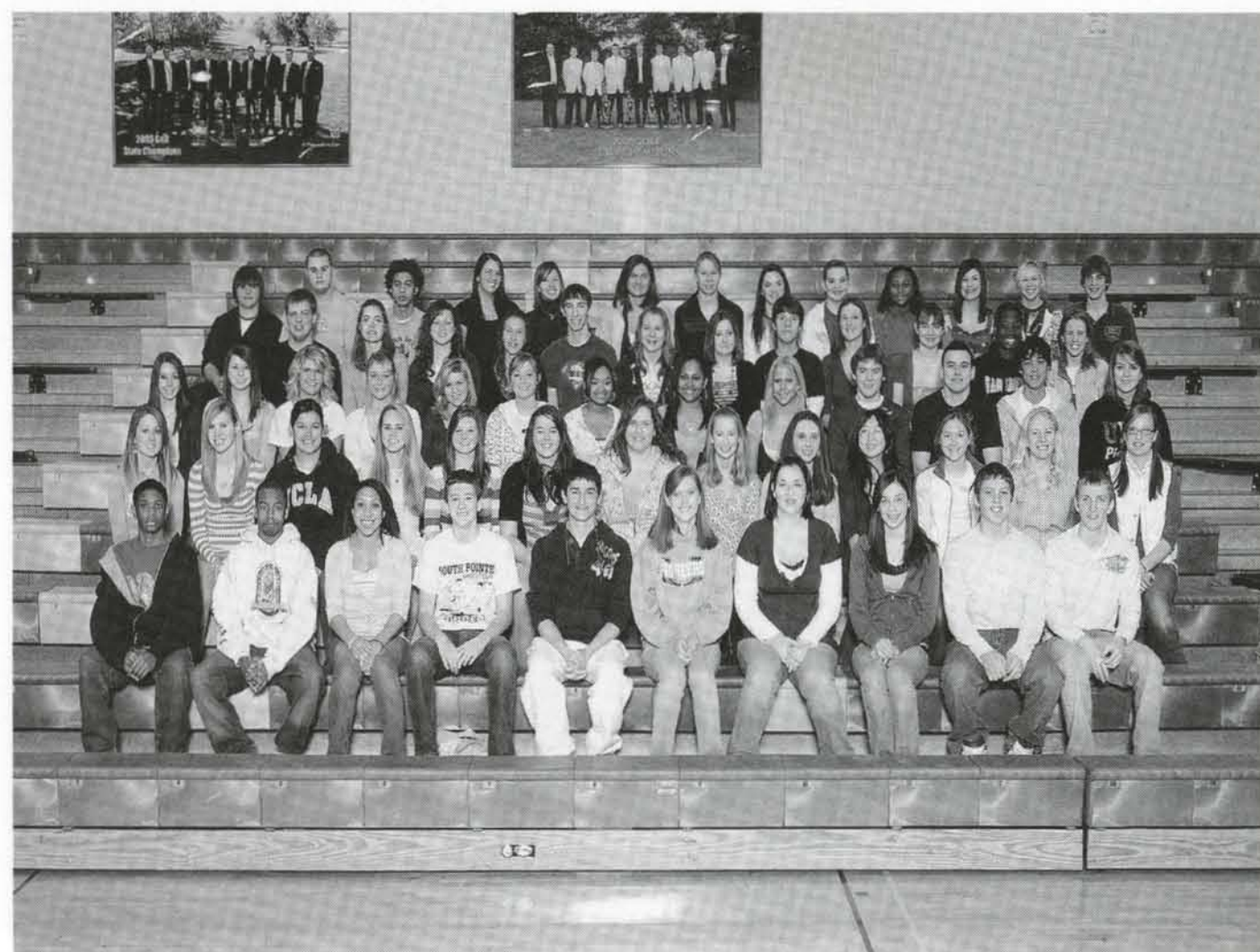
**Row 1:** Kari Lane, Faiza Afsar Ali, Ila Sruti, Laura Smith **Row 2:** Kathryn Hill, Allison Vaughn, Hana Ayele, Christine Do **Row 3:** Marta Ayele, Maria Helgeson, Kari Fowler

# Debate Team



**Row 1:** Jake Oakley, Bailey Bottorf, Alexander Zaitfeff **Row 2:** Kyle Yarborough, Gerrit Hatcher, Zach Parton **Row 3:** Justin Lange, Mr. Adams, Chelsea Bakaitis, Katie Klotzbach

# E.L.F.



**Row 1:** Jonathan Hill, Jeff Staten, Lauren Brooks, Grant Miller, Dan Grieco, Abby Hoekstra, Annie Downey, Kathryn Hill, Jon Paul Langellier, Reid Butts **Row 2:** Lauren English, Mallie Feltner, Rachel Vazquez, Alex Scharf, Rosie Phipps, Casie Golliday, Kristen Satchwell, Maria Endsley, Rebekah Vaughan, Xixi Tian, Kaitlyn Wampler, Janelle Galloway, Kari Lane **Row 3:** Kelsey Stiles, Georgia Keen, Lindsay Schroeder, Courtney Allen, Alexandra Mueller, Emily Allen, Khadijah Muhammad, Jasmine Safford, Ashley Petersen, Nat Murphy, Marc Hitchen, Taiyo Wilson, Katie Zilligen **Row 4:** Kenny Lane, Deanna Miller, Amanda Lawler, Emily Donnan, Zach McGowan, Kelsey Maffett, Laura Smith, Bobby Bobbitt, Miriam Ball, Andrea Scajola, Jasmine Gibbs, Merryl Clemons **Row 5:** Peter Siegfried, Jared Cook, Stefan Brooks, Renee Demont, Sara McCullough, Amanda Rehtmeyer, Christine Jolly, Michelle Mercier, Hannah Krajewski, Marissa Barnes, Chelsea Gray, Grace Irvin, Kyle Graden

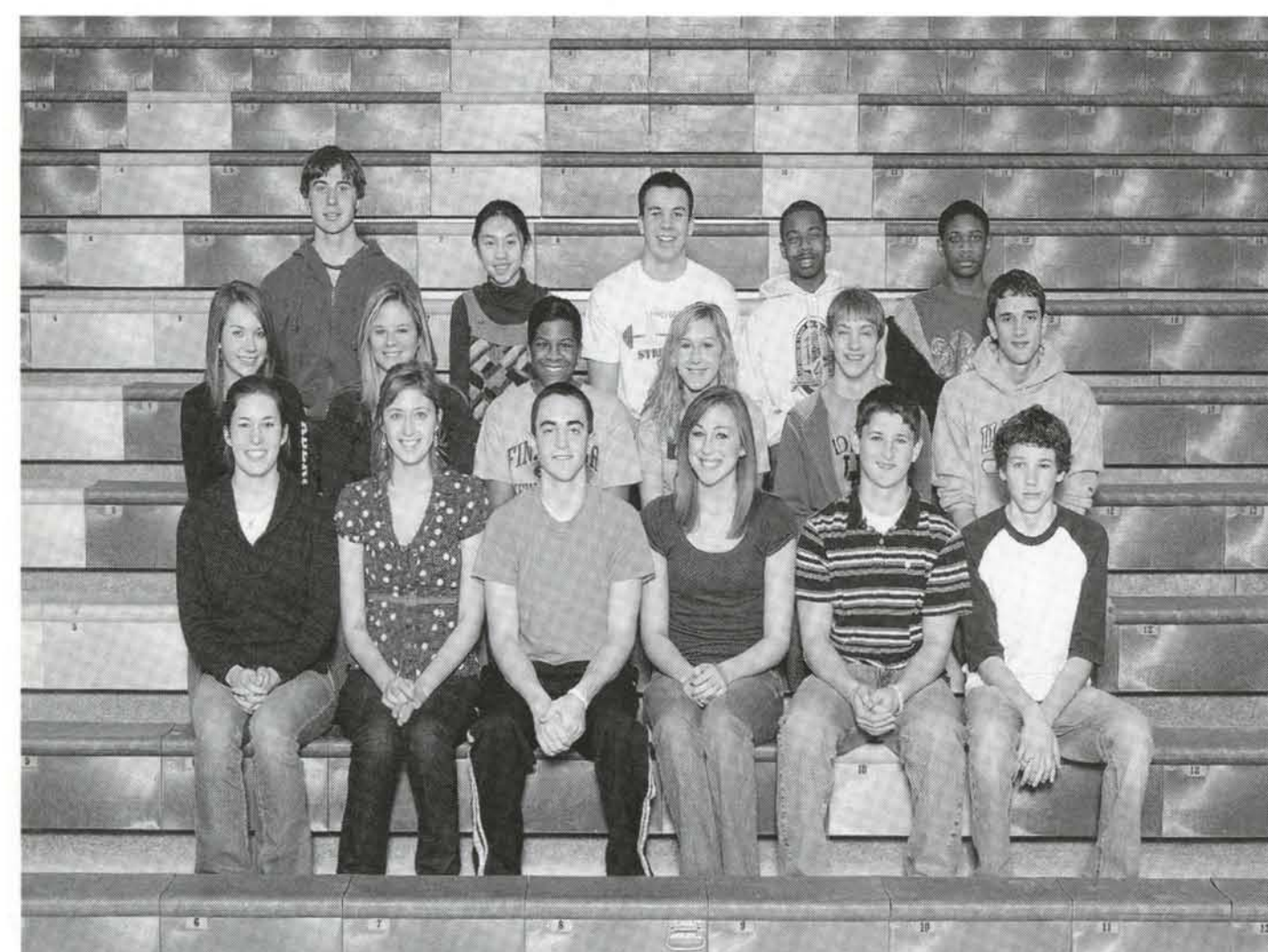


## Earth Club



**Row 1:** Brooke Shushka, E.J. Schiller, Mitch Rogers, Sarah Heimerdinger, Lindsey Spaits, Vince Kroll, Dixie Lewis **Row 2:** Jon Alden, Jeff McKinzie, Sara McCullough, Taiyo Wilson, Abby Hoekstra, Marta Ayele, Claire Brownstone, Alyssa Mandula **Row 3:** Brent Miller, Nat Murphy, Marc Hitchen, Annie Downey, Katie Zilligen, Janelle Weddle, Kari Lane, Jenny Darrow, Melanie Goebel

## FCA



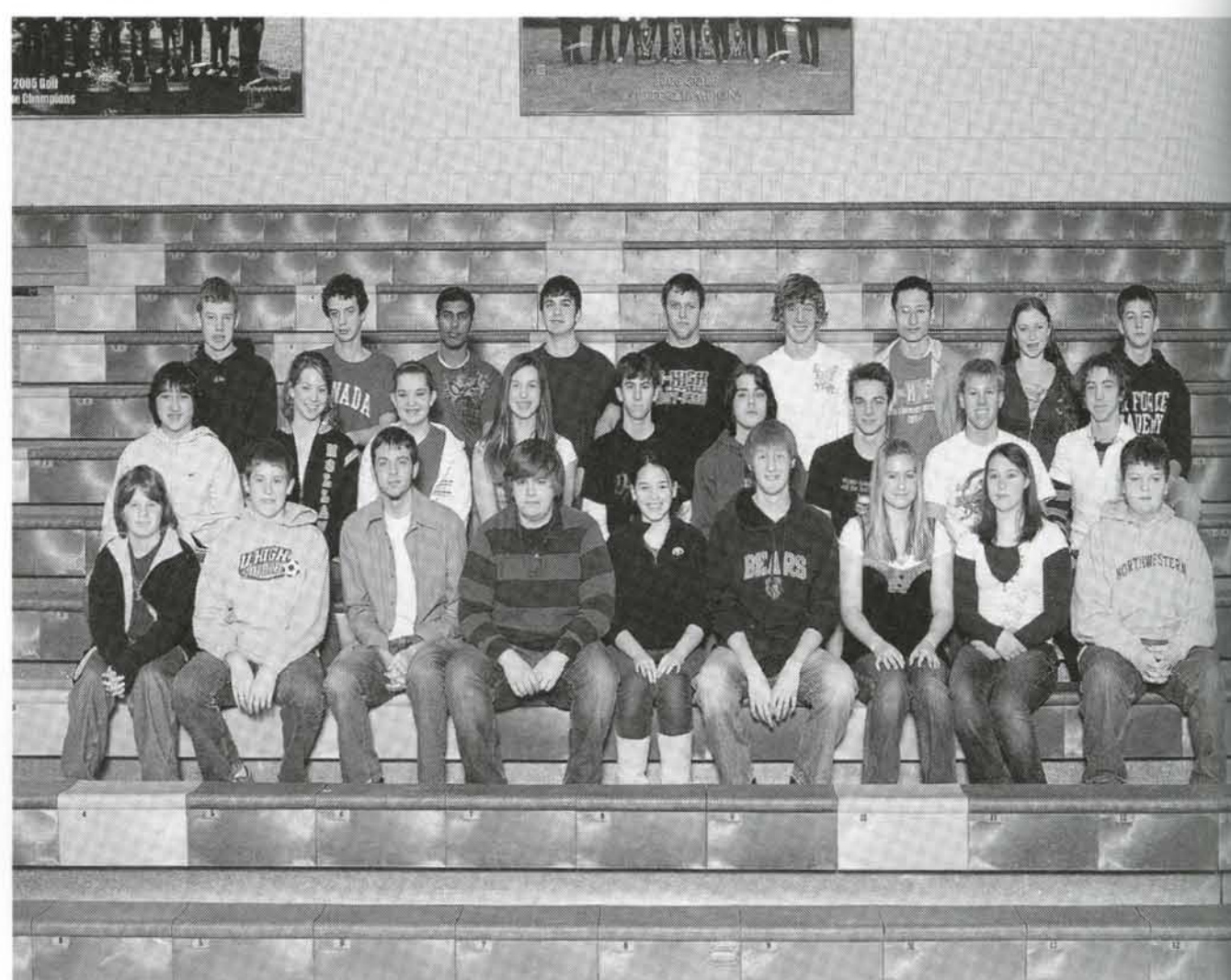
**Row 1:** Katie Erdman, Jenna Floyd, Ben Kilborn, Laine Smid, Michael Elliott, Stephen Husk **Row 2:** Kelsey Emmment, Kristina Mlinsek, Melanie Mattock, Paige Knippenberg, Ky Bailey, Josiah Husk **Row 3:** Paul Beckman, Wen Yang, Luke Harbers, Jonathan Hill, Jeff Staten

## Equestrian Club



**Row 1:** Taylor Kingston, Ellie Sloneker, Sara McCullough, Alexandra Mueller, Jade Kestian, Daniela Pancrazio-Diez **Row 2:** Celia Schimelpfenig, Rachel Witte, Michelle Mercier, Taylor Roesch, Emily Hahn, Sadie Somers

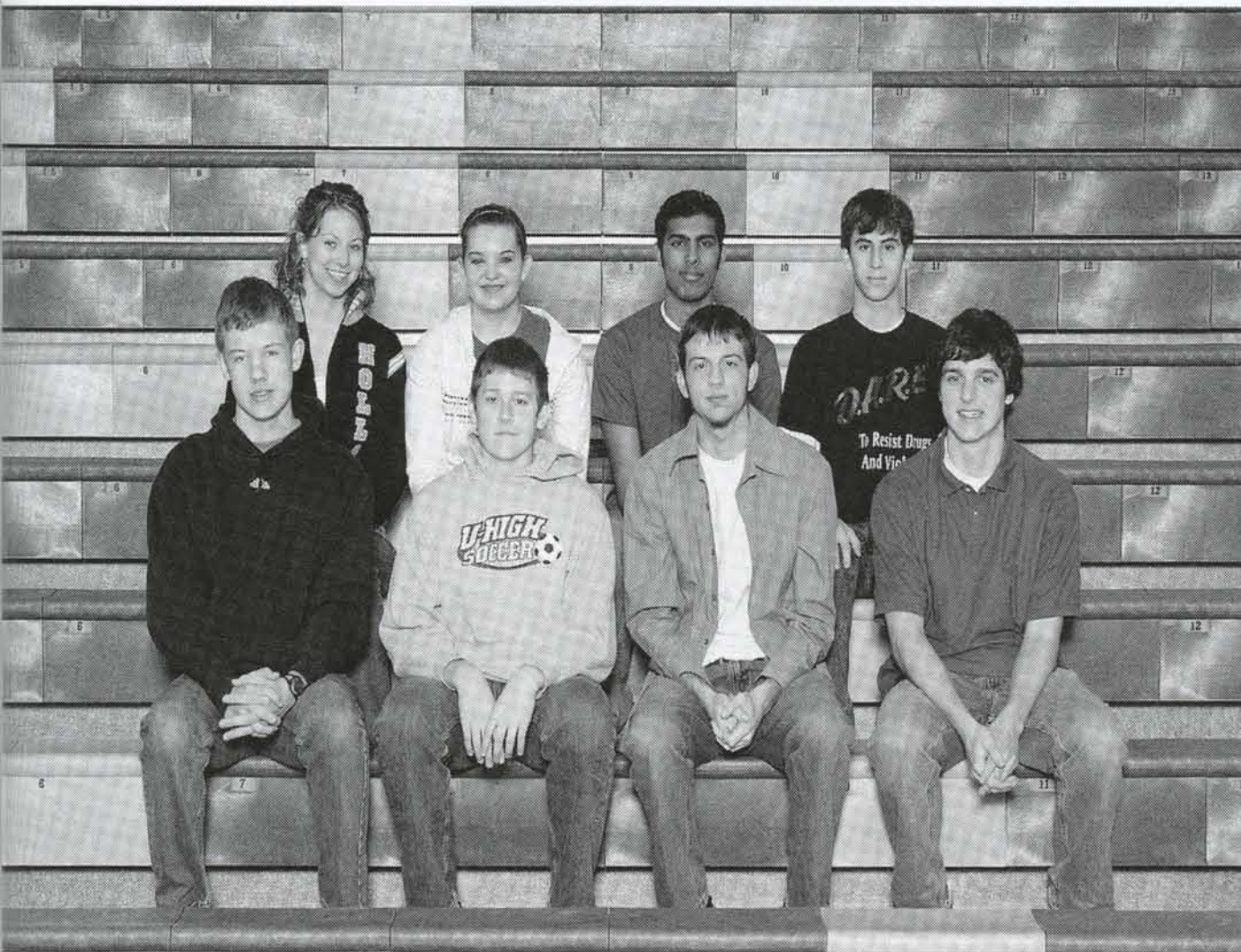
## Film Club



**Row 1:** Dylan Karraker, Ian Standard, Quinn Wilson, Jim Krajewski, Angie Ostaszewski, John Cooper, Lydia Wilson, Morgan Sondgeroth, Jon Alden **Row 2:** Ian Ostaszewski, Lauren Miller, Hanna Krajewski, Brooke Shushka, Tim Nash, Jake Oakley, Aaron Slama, Jack Mecherle, Alex Huff **Row 3:** Tom Guttschow, Chris Michels, Neesh Shah, Michael Quarton, Anthony Duran, Nick Houska, Weikang Sun, Stephanie Carlson, Aaron Tuttle



## Film Festival Committee



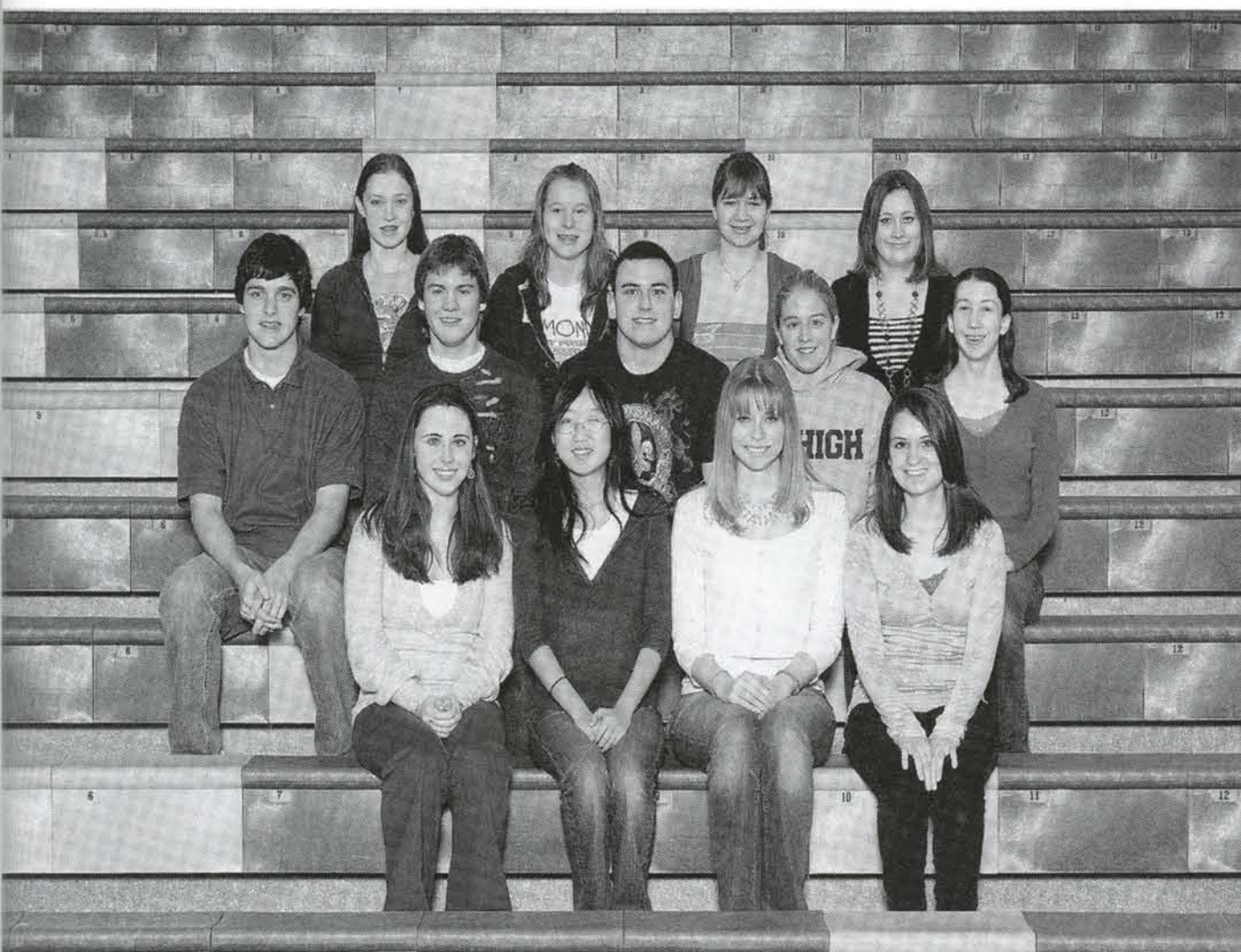
**Row 1:** Tom Guttschow, Ian Standard, Quinn Wilson, Chris Ashley  
**Row 2:** Lauren Miller, Hannah Krajewski, Neesath Shah, Tim Nash

## Girls Madrigals



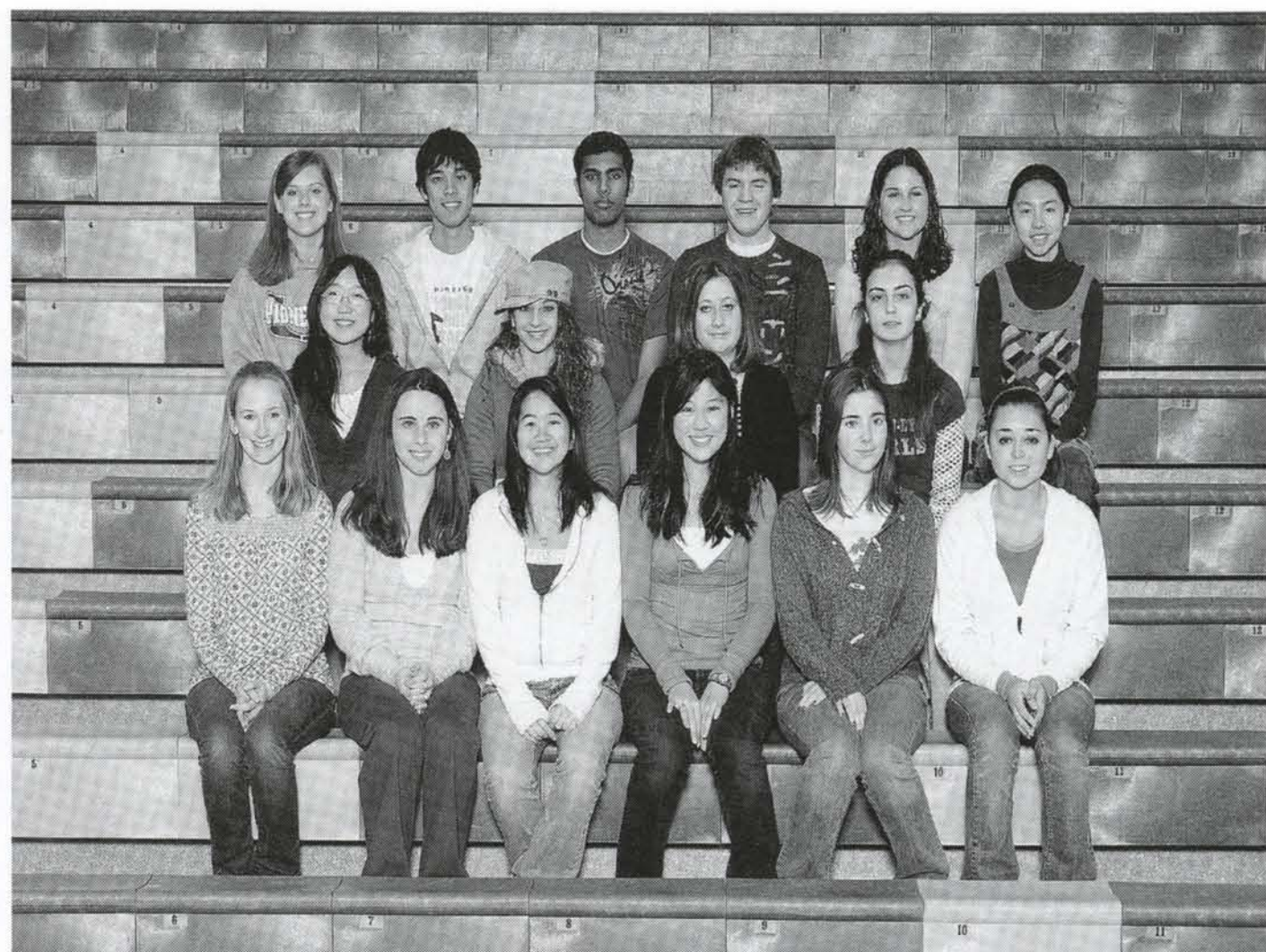
**Row 1:** Emma Blyth, Katherine Newport, Samantha Bryden, Lydia Wilson, Rebekah Vaughan, Erin Hutchins, Anna Weis, Wivine Ngongo  
**Row 2:** Grace Irvin, Jasmine Gibbs, Liz Clapper, Kelsey Maffett, Kristen Satchwell, Kristin Weaver, Traci Olson, Michelle Mercier

## History Club



**Row 1:** Rebekah Vaughan, Xixi Tian, Hanna Lebovitz, Ellen Clay  
**Row 2:** Chris Ashley, Nat Murphy, Marc Hitchen, Allison Vaughn, Janelle Weddle  
**Row 3:** Stephanie Carlson, Kelsey Maffet, Laura Smith

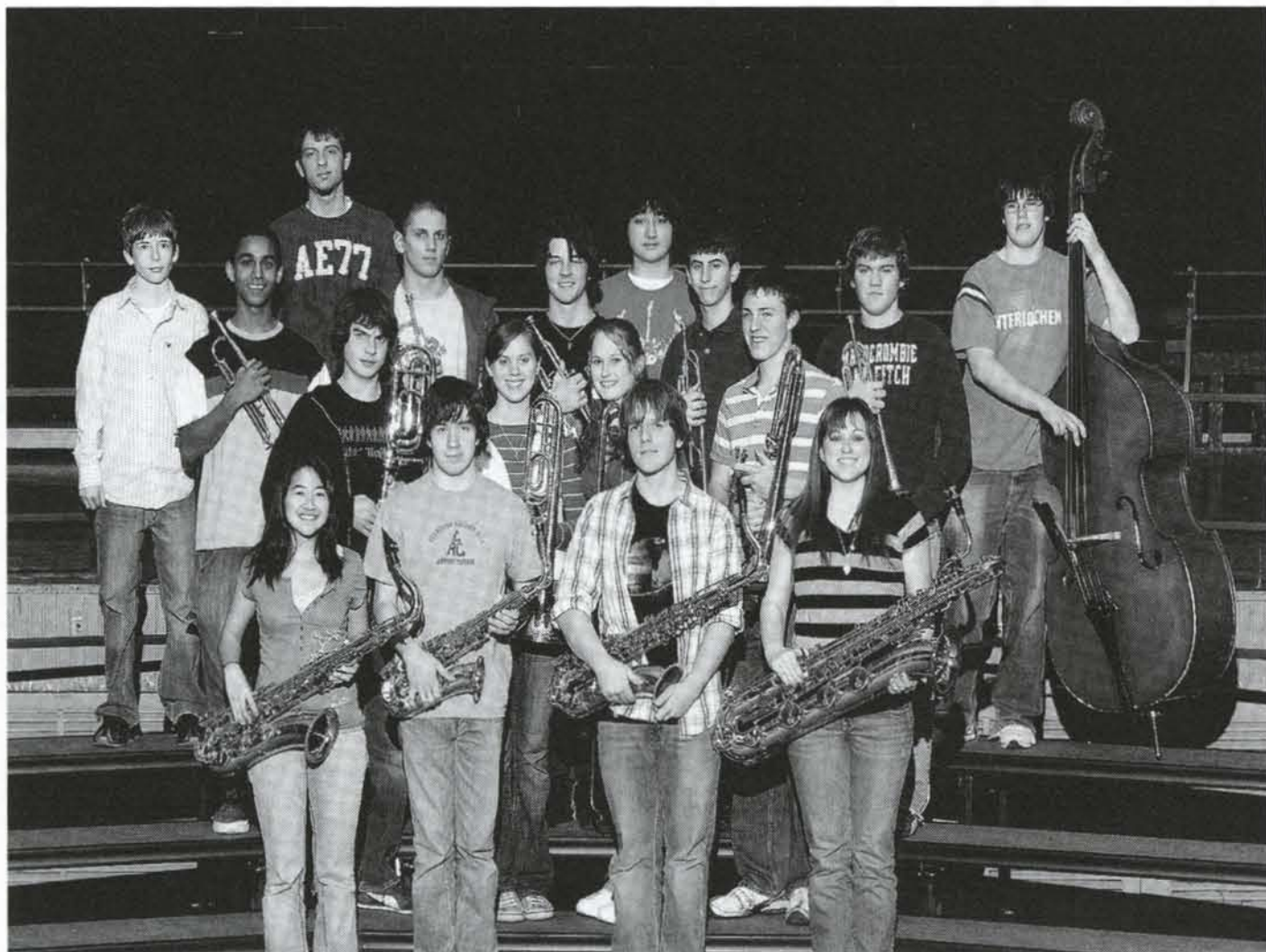
## Interact



**Row 1:** Maria Endsley, Rebekah Vaughan, Jessi Nguyen, Cheryl Liang, Hayley Harroun, Christina Parlette  
**Row 2:** Xixi Tian, Danica Taylor, Laura Smith, Carolyn Ayers  
**Row 3:** Abby Hoekstra, Taiyo Wilson, Neesh Shah, Nat Murphy, Ashlee Sang, Wen Yang

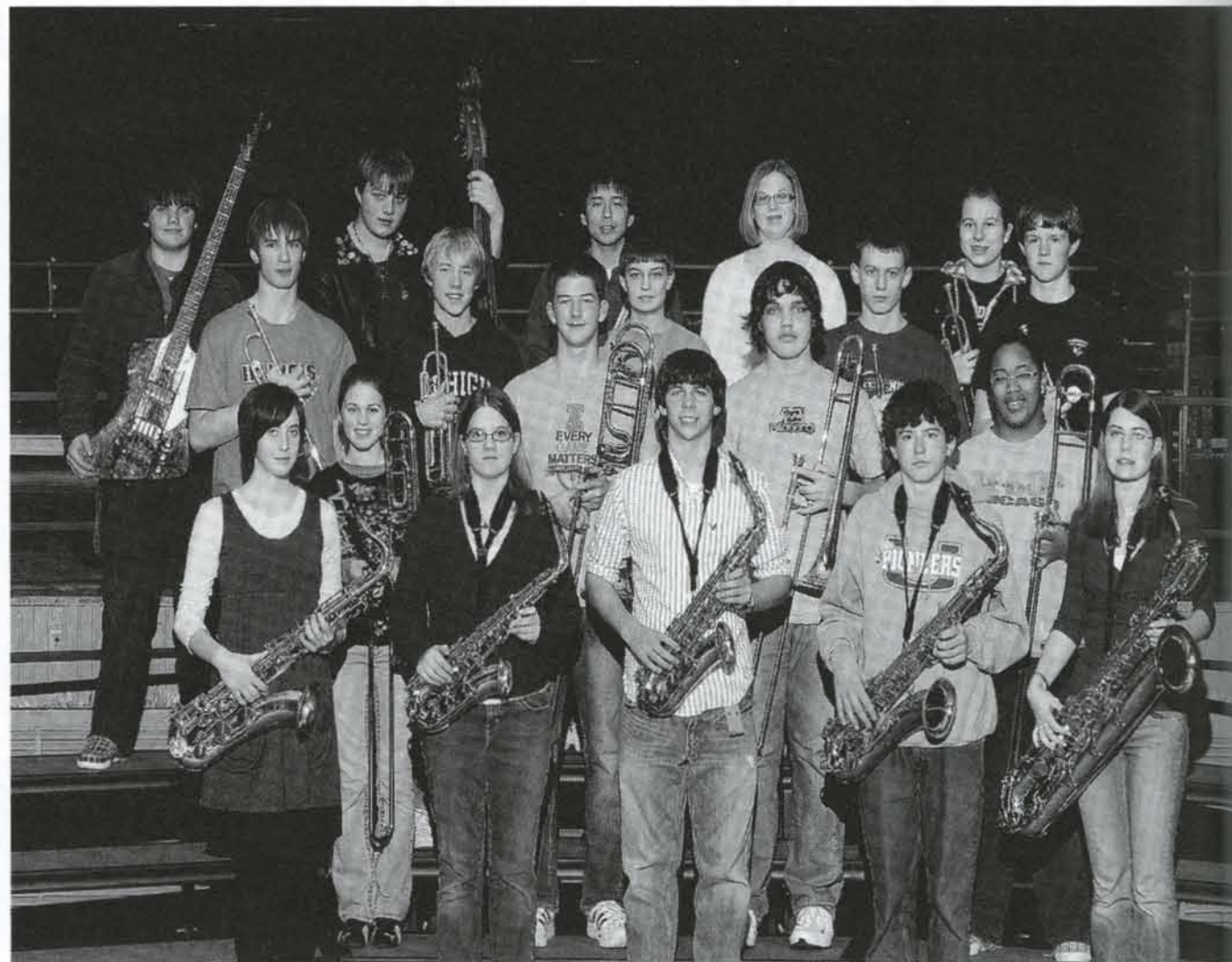


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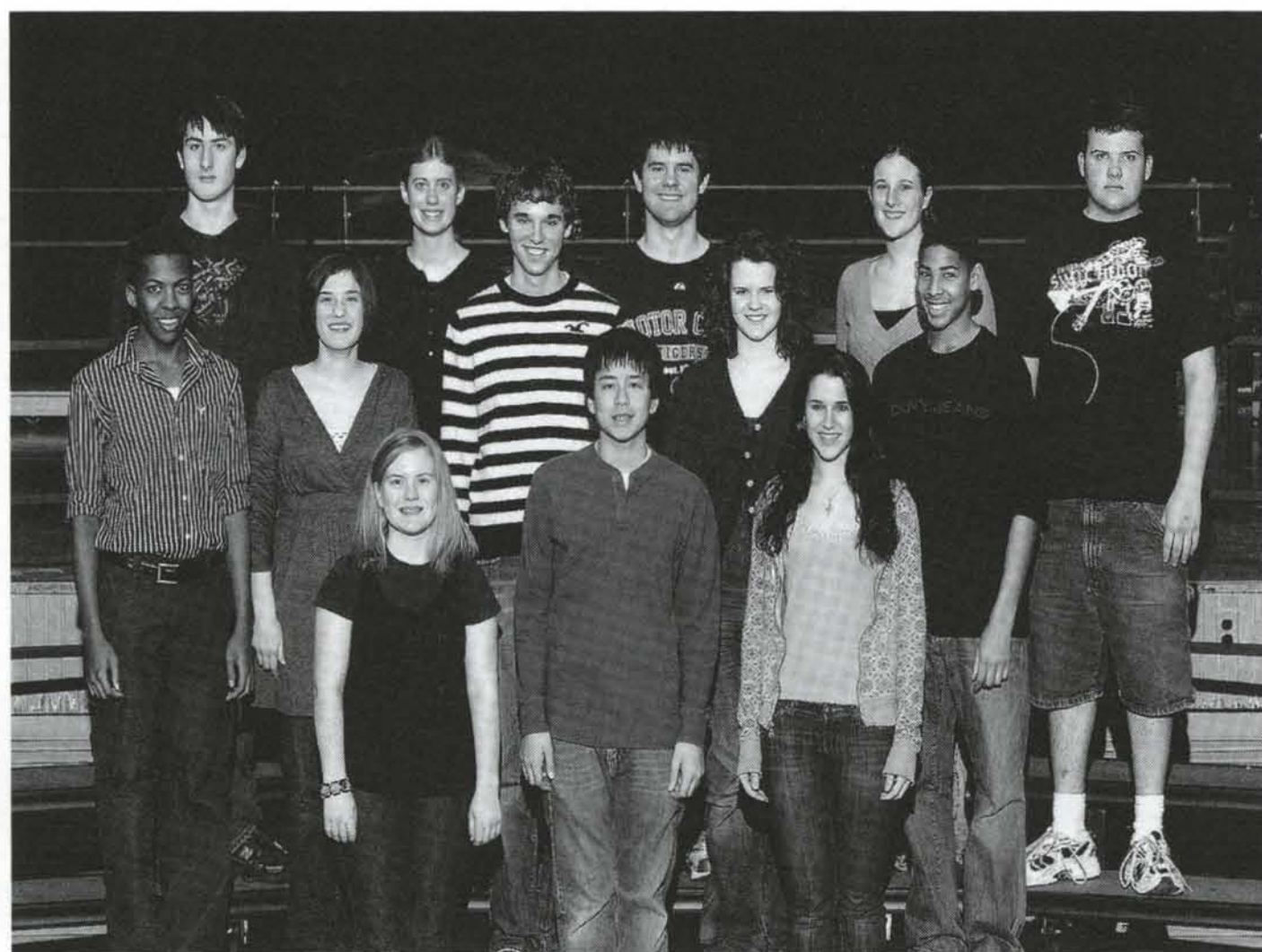
**Row 1:** Jessi Nguyen, Brandon Diekhoff, Kyle Yarbrough, Amanda Lawler **Row 2:** Gerrit Hatcher, Abigail Hoestra, Rylee Russell, Delayne Durdle **Row 3:** Kieran Pereira, Michael Fritz, Nick Hutchins, Tim Nash, Nat Murphy **Row 4:** Ben Henderson, Quinn Wilson, Ian Ostaszewski, Peter Garrett

## Jazz Green



**Row 1:** Marissa Diekhoff, Melanie Goebel, Mitchell Januzik, Samuel Mueting, Deanna Miller **Row 2:** Kelsey Larson, Aaron Tuttle, Logan Maughan, Cymone Wilder **Row 3:** Kyle Puckett, Will Ward, Josh Ayers, Jonathan Ray, Alex Goebel **Row 4:** Peter Siegfried, Trace Peifer, Brian Tanaka, Kristin Weaver, Kelsey Maffett

## Jazzin' in the Evenin'



**Row 1:** Lynn Burkhead, Brian Tanaka, Jenny Koth **Row 2:** Jeremy Davis, Chelsey Coombs, Ryan Woodall, Kaitlyn Nibbelin, Tilman Monsanto **Row 3:** George Seelinger, Elizabeth Ray, Matt Skibo, Miriam Ball, Taylor Olson

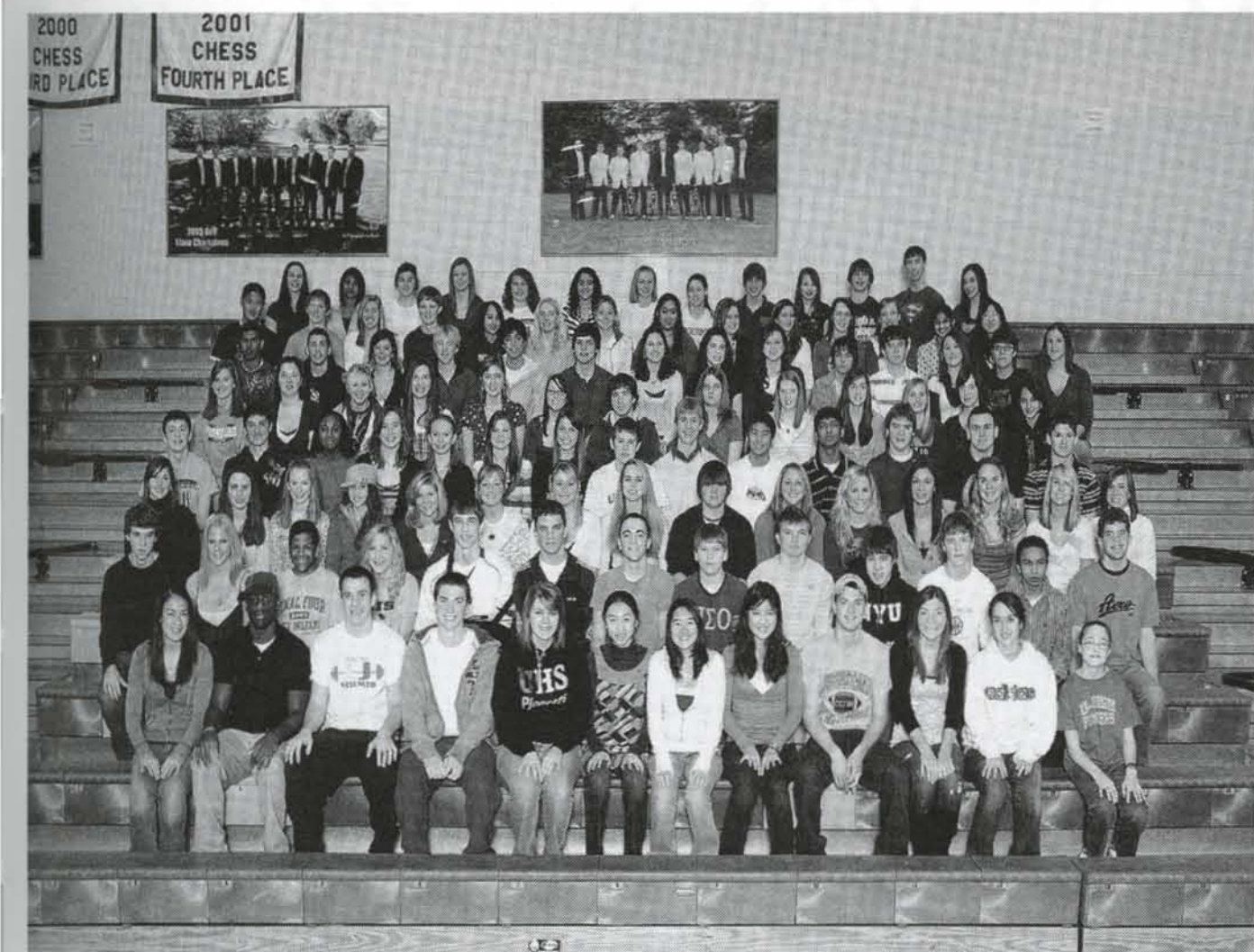
## Journalism



**Row 1:** Alex Kraft, Matt Shrier, Madeline Andre, Tim Nash, Ally Miller, Bryant Carlson, EJ Schiller, Liz Massey, Sean Hastings, Jim Krajewski **Row 2:** Stacey Welter, Rachel Solava, Alyssa Humphreys, Tanya Ploense, Michelle Fluty, Kevin Rotsch, Courtney Rogers, Cody Stultz, Alexandra Mueller, Sara Idleman, Mr. Conant **Row 3:** Jenna Floyd, Haley Stuckey, Chris Ashley, Lindsey Butorac, Sarah Capodice, Chelsea Bakaitis, Becky Smith, Samantha Bryden



# Key Club



**Row 1:** Mika Tanaka, Sean Hastings, Luke Harbers, E.J. Schiller, Katie Zilligen, Wen Yang, Jessi Nguyen, Cheryl Liang, Cody Stultz, Kate Tunnura, Katie Vivirito, Danie Reece **Row 2:** Ryan Woodall, Ashley Peterson, Melanie Matlock, Paige Knippenberg, Clint Vatterrodt, Bryant Carlson, Ben Kilborn, Mike O'Malley, Caleb Katz, Sean Comerford, Peter Schiller, Karthik Patil, Keith Graden **Row 3:** Sara McCullough, Rebekah Vaughan, Maria Endsley, Danica Taylor, Alexandra Mueller, Emily Allen, Courtney Allen, Alex Scharf, Peter Siegfried, Hillary Giesel, Lindsey Turner, Lauren Leffler, Andi Peterson, Liz Massey, Ally Miller **Row 4:** Aaron Michaels, Dan Grieco, Marissa Barnes, Alizabeth Taubert, Sarah Klass, Rosie Phipps, Alexis Namoff, Ian Standard, Rob Hanson, Andre Aung, Munan Singhal, Nat Murphey, Marc Hitchen, Michael Elliott **Row 5:** Abby Hoekstra, Annie Downey, Grace McQueen, Brooke Sushka, Jenna Floyd, Madeline Andre, Brandon Diekhoff, Melanie Goebel, Katie Telling, Valerie Nichol, Sienna Reuter, Marissa Diekhoff, Alia Khan **Row 6:** Neesath Shah, Sean Dozier, Liz Phipps, William Ward, Taiyo Wilson, Chris Ashley, Ashlee Sang, Brittany Shoemaker, Amanda Lawler, Alex Parlette, Sam Mueeting, Morgan Sondgeroth, Bobby Bobbitt, Miriam Ball **Row 7:** Been Yue, Michael Eack, Olivia Castillo, Alex Goebel, Fatima Kazmi, Janelle Galloway, Kaitlyn Wampler, Hana Ayele, Laura Smith, Maria Helgeson, Emily Bugg, Kari Lane, Faiza Afsar Ali, Xici Tian **Row 8:** Olivia Eson, Gowtami Rajendran, Taylor Roesch, Candice Cuppini, Bailey Bottorff, Marta Ayele, Jane McCullough, Marissa Tank, Kyle Graden, Mary Solberg, Andy Olsen, Zach McGowan, Kathryn Hill

# Locks of Love



**Row 1:** Lindsey Spaits, Danica Taylor, Rebekah Vaughan, Maria Endsley, Sara Idleman, Joe Waropay, Liz Phipps, Anna Doran, Katie Vivirito, Kari Lane **Row 2:** Christina Jacobs, Sarah Heinmerdinger, Rosie Phipps, Ally Miller, Liz Massey, Emily Allen, Alexandra Mueller, Courtney Allen, Jennifer Janssen **Row 3:** Scott Blair, Anthony Duran, Nick Houska, Luke Harbers, Brian Tanaka, Mitch Rogers, Mike O'Malley **Row 4:** Chelsea Demont, Amanda Rehtmeyer, E.J. Schiller, Renee Demont, Debbie Hubbard, Mika Tanaka

# Library Club



**Row 1:** Michael Brooks, Blake Reno, Elora Karim, Dylan Karraker, Nathan Alden **Row 2:** Jenny Mercer, Meredith Maughan, Alex, Harris, Jon Alden **Row 3:** Aaron Slama, Max Renner, Logan Maughan, Marta Ayele, Tara Crampton, Chris Michaels

# Madrigal Brass



**Row 1:** Wil Ward, Taiyo Wilson, Hannah Lebovitz, Alex Goebel, Candice Cuppini, Nick Hutchins, Tim Nash **Row 2:** Gerrit Hatcher, Delayne Durdle, Ryan Davis, Aaron Tuttle, Abby Hoekstra, Rylee Russell



## Madrigal Recorders



**Row 1:** Tess Losada, Emily Donnan, Xixi Tian, Kristina Cooper, Sienna Reuter, Emily Waltner **Row 2:** Marissa Diekhoff, Melanie Goebel, Amanda Lawler, Shannon Bogue, Deanna Miller

## Madrigal Strings



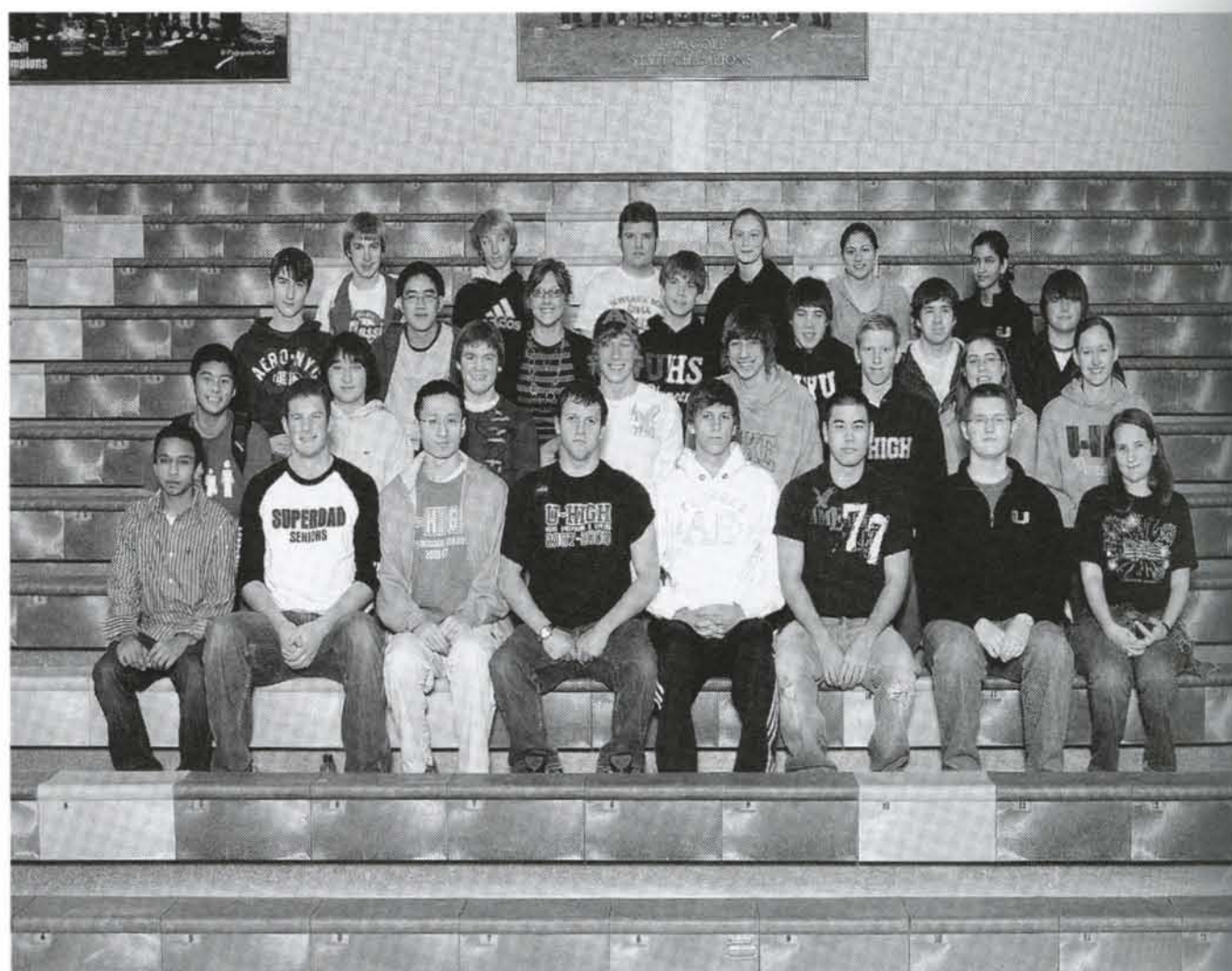
**Row 1:** Lance Jessurun, Elora Karim, Saloni Mishra, Mounika Paravastu, Janelle Galloway **Row 2:** Trace Peifer, Madhuri Paravastu, Julie Parsons, Weikang Sun, Jack Mecherle

## Madrigals



**Row 1:** Grant Miller, Chelsey Coombs **Row 2:** Anna Doran, Jenny Morrow, Rachel Solava, Alex Kraft, Kaitlyn Nibblen, Jenny Koth, Miriam Ball, Elizabeth Ray **Row 3:** Jeremy Davis, Taylor Olson, Peter Garrett, John Cooper, Ryan Woodall

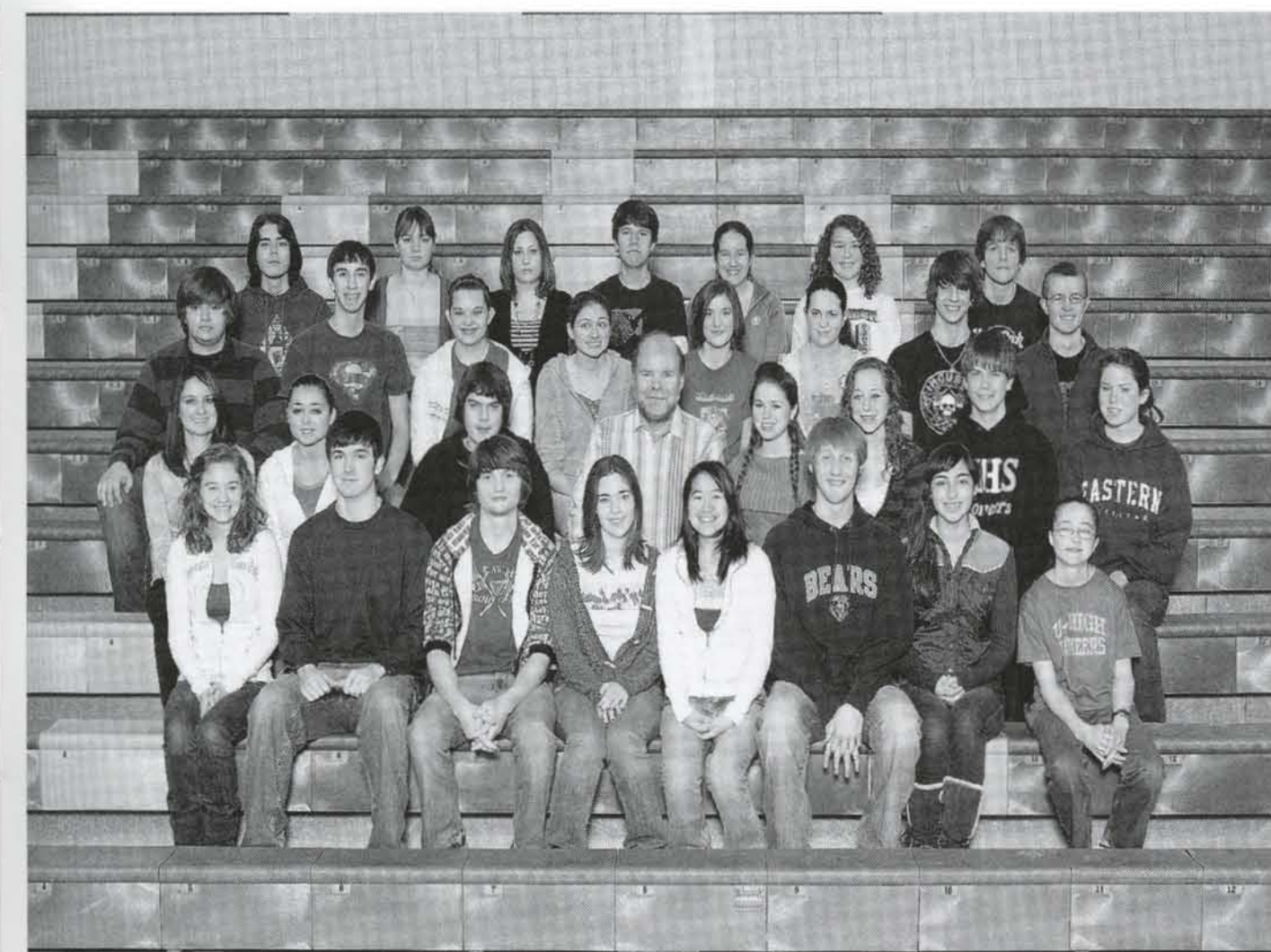
## Math Team



**Row 1:** Karthik Patil, Weikang Sun, Anthony Duran, Michael Fritz, Derek Dauenbaugh, David Cooper, Traci Olson **Row 2:** Andre Aung, Ian Ostaszewski, Nat Murphy, Nick Houska, Sebastian Grobe, Josh Davis, Deanna Miller, Liz Risius **Row 3:** George Seelinger, Robert Wan, Lindsey Butorac, Alexander Zaitzeff, Sean Comerford, Brandon Diekhoff, Peter Siegfried **Row 4:** Brad Saunders, Kirk Saunders, Taylor Olson, Shannon Bogue, Katie Klotzbach, Elora Karim

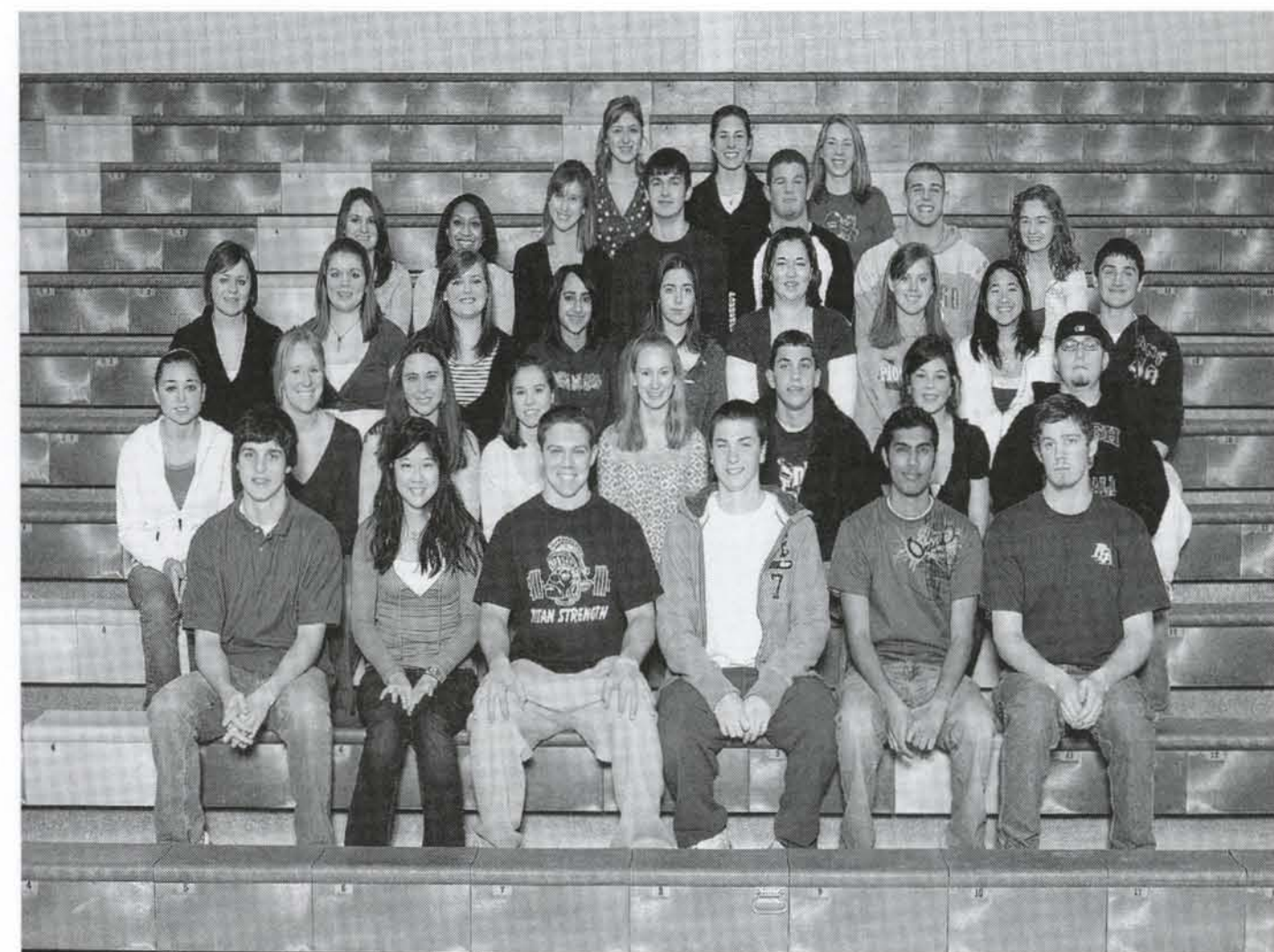


## National Forensics League



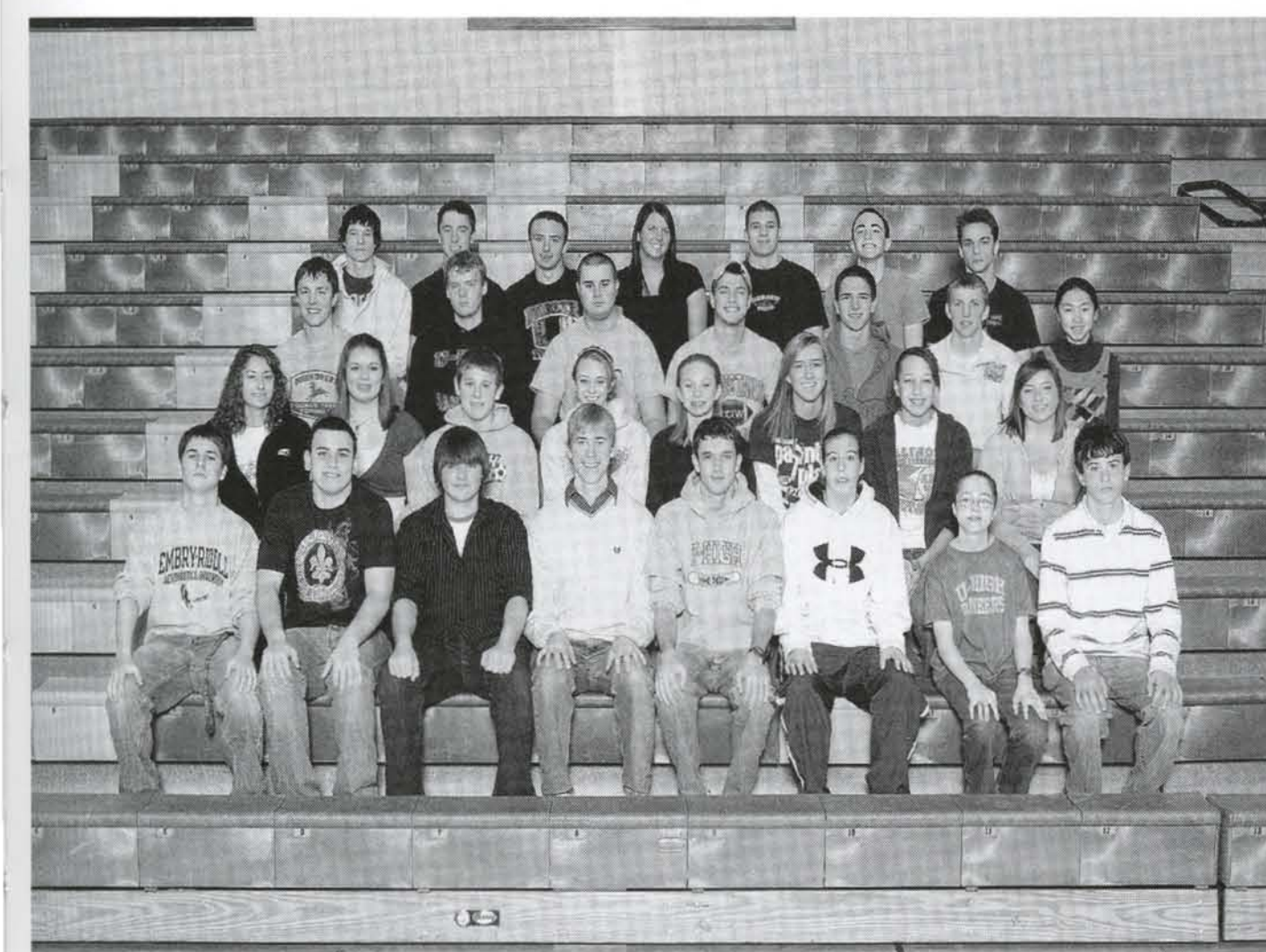
**Row 1:** Sarah Capodice, Michael Quarton, Leigh Huff, Hayley Harroun, Jessi Nguyen, John Cooper, Tess Losada, Danie Reece **Row 2:** Ellen Clay, Christina Parlette, Gerrit Hatcher, Mark Adams, Kelsey Larson, Maggie Blaney, Alexander Zaitzeff, Chelsea Bakaitis **Row 3:** Jim Krajewski, Zach McGowan, Hannah Krajewski, Katie Klotzbach, Chelsey Coombs, Paige Blankenship, Zach Parton, Justin Lange **Row 4:** Jake Oakley, Laura Smith, Bobby Bobbitt, Andi Schweers, Maggie Irvin Bailey Bottorff, Kyle Yarbrough

## National Honor Society



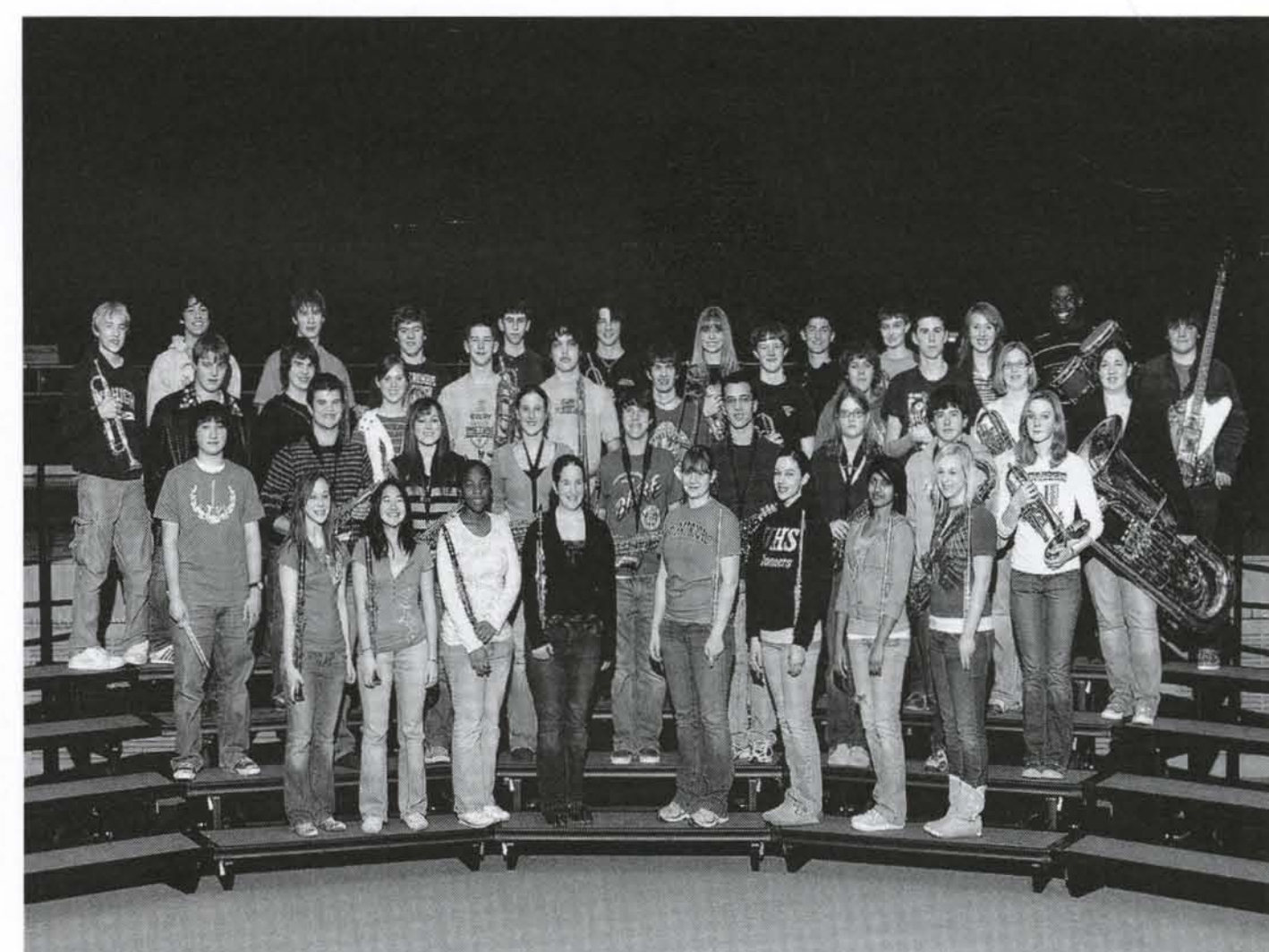
**Row 1:** Chris Ashley, Cheryl Liang, Zach Zentner, EJ Schiller, Neesh Shah, Chris Crider **Row 2:** Christina Parlette, Emily Stevens, Rebekah Vaughan, Haley Stuckey, Maria Endsley, Sean Dozier, Liz Phipps, Kevin Rotsch **Row 3:** Caroline Lartz, Alyssa Humphreys, Samantha Bryden, Fatima Kazmi, Hayley Harroun, Annie Downey, Abby Hoekstra, Jessi Nguyen, Dan Grieco **Row 4:** Ellen Clay, Lauren Brooks, Rachel Solava, Michael Quarton, Scott Blair, Joe Waropay, Sarah Capodice **Row 5:** Jenna Floyd, Katie Erdman, Sara Idleman

## Outdoor Club



**Row 1:** James Scaglia, Marc Hitchen, Peter Siegfried, Rob Hanson, Josiah Husk, Mia Hartung, Danie Reece, Sam Mueting **Row 2:** Tanya Ploense, Alyssa Humphreys, Ian Standard, Emily Hovren, Sarah Klass, Kelly Harrell, Jordan Bond, Kelsie Celis **Row 3:** Delayne Durdle, Ryan Ehredt, Jared Cook, Cody Shultz, Jake Todino, Reid Butts, Wen Yang **Row 4:** Jack McCaw, Dave Bartosik, Zac Alvis, Renee Demont, Jake Augspurger, Ben Kilborn, Aaron Slama

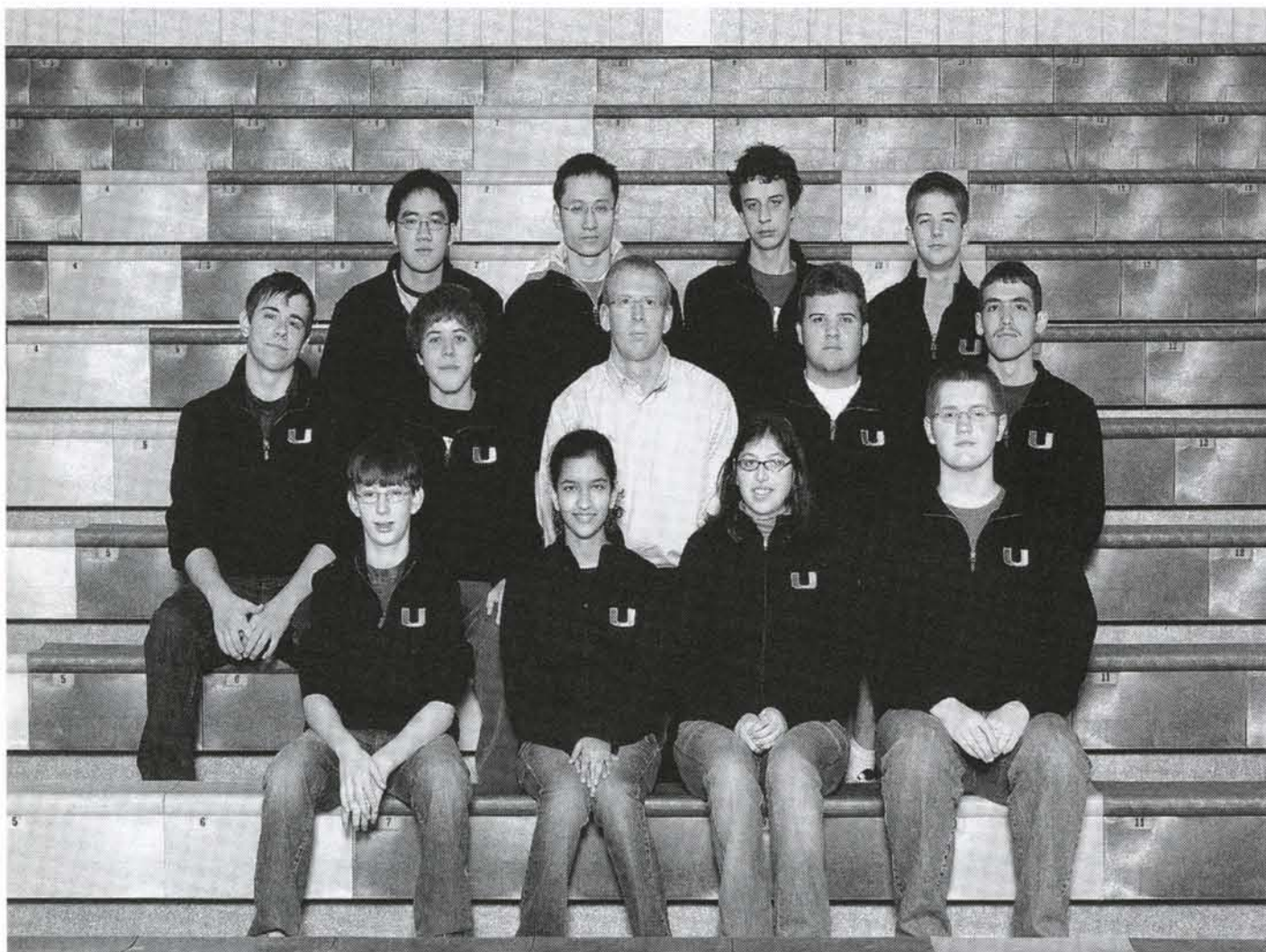
## Pep Band



**Row 1:** Maggie Blaney, Jessi Nguyen, Taihla Eddins, Maggie Irvin, Andi Schweers, Kathryn Hill, Gowtami Rajendran, Grace Irvin **Row 2:** Ian Ostaszewski, Ethan Bury, Amanda Lawler, Miriam Ball, Bobby Bobbit, Adam Hale-Mariam, Melanie Goebel, Sam Mueting, Kambria Vance **Row 3:** Trace Peifer, Gerrit Hatcher, Abby Hoekstra, Aaron Tuttle, Logan Maughan, Ian Walling, Alex Goebel, Blake Reno, Nick Geyer, Kristin Weaver, Annie Downey **Row 4:** Wil Ward, Taiyo Wilson, Kyle Puckett, Nat Murphy, Tim Nash, Nick Hutchins, Hannah Lebovitz, Dan Grieco, Josh Ayers, Kay Schutte, Ryan Davis, Peter Siegfried

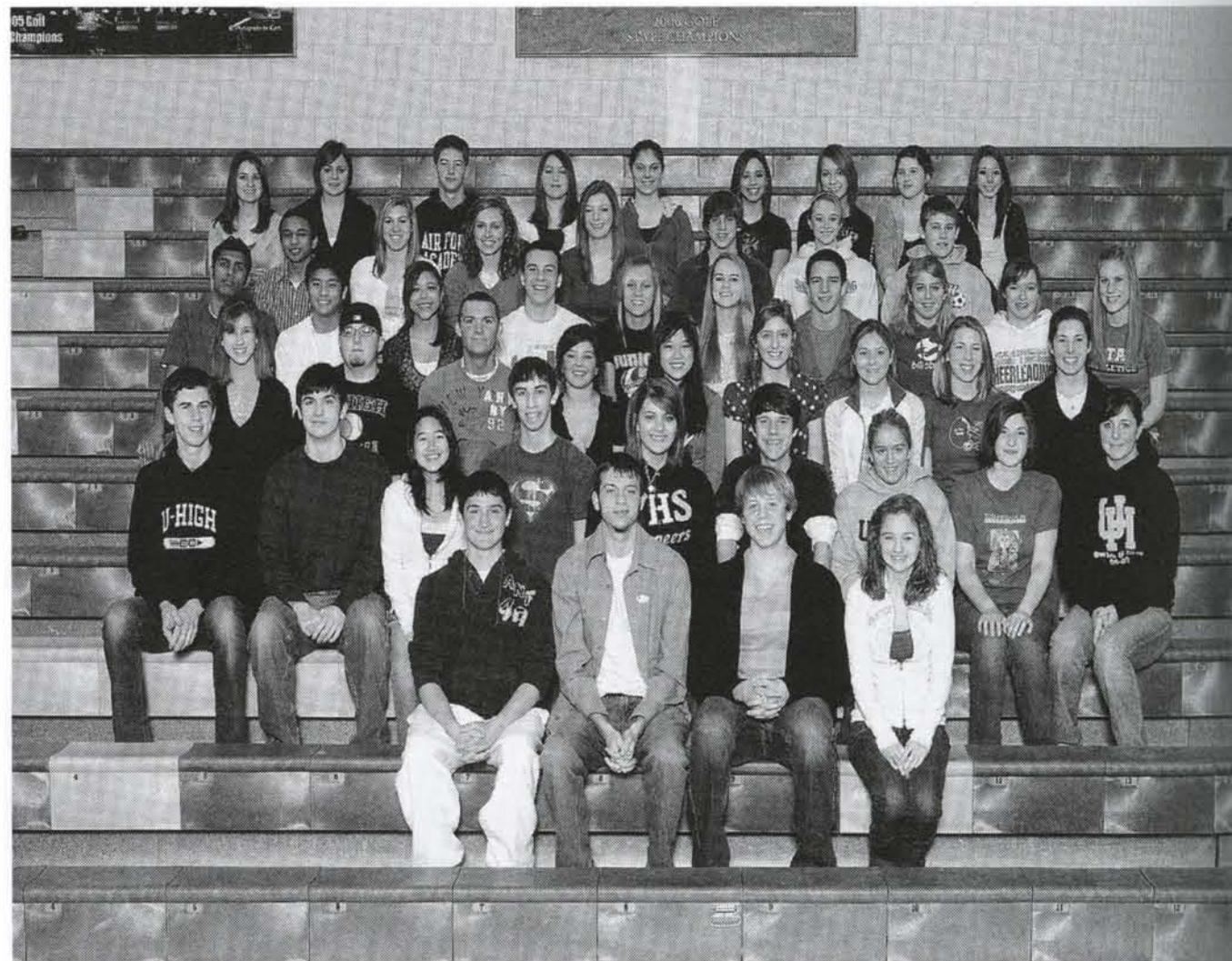


## Scholastic Bowl



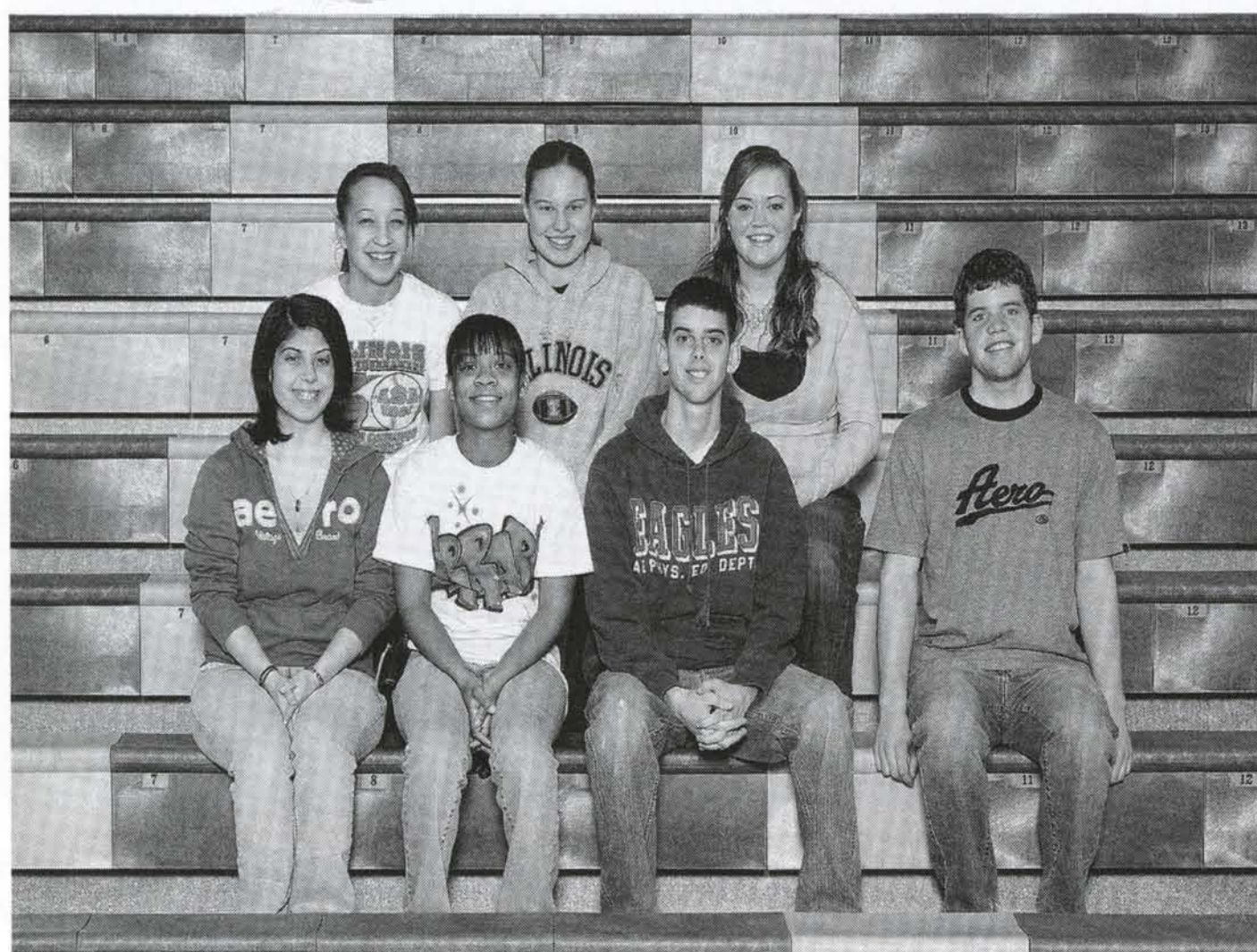
**Row 1:** Lance Jessurun, Elora Karim, Emily Showers, David Cooper  
**Row 2:** Max Renner, Blake Reno, Cory Culbertson, Taylor Olson, Willy McHie  
**Row 3:** Robert Wan, Weikang Sun, Chris Michaels, Aaron Tuttle

## Senate



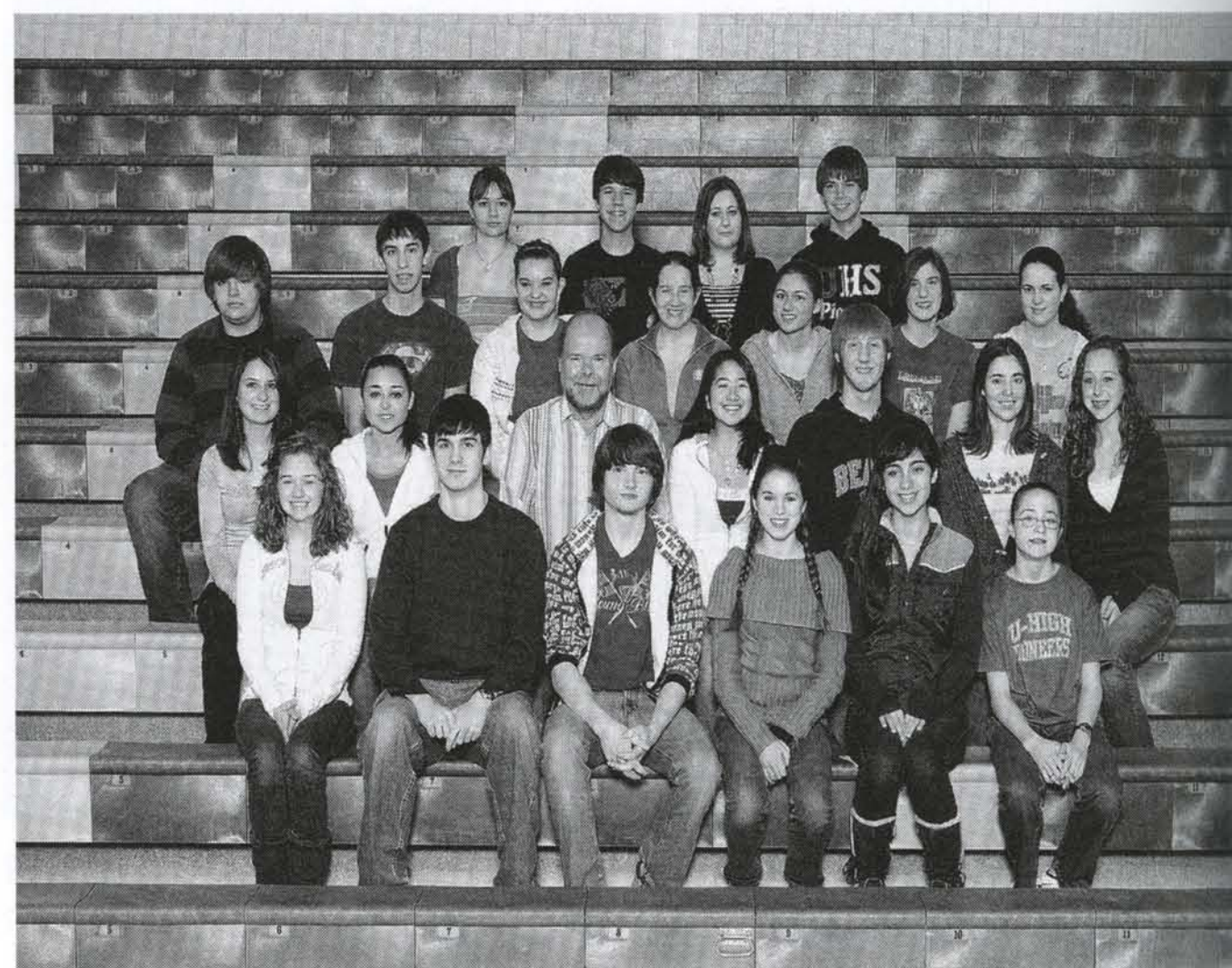
**Row 1:** Dan Grieco, Quinn Wilson, Vincent Kroll, Sarah Capodice  
**Row 2:** Nick Geyer, Michael Quarton, Jessi Nguyen, Zach McGowan, Katie Zilligen, Bobby Bobbitt, Allison Vaughn, Chelsey Coombs, Michelle Fluty  
**Row 3:** Rachel Solava, Kevin Rotsch, TJ Davis, Liz Phipps, Cheryl Liang, Jenna Floyd, Kaitlyn Wampler, Sara Idleman, Katie Erdman  
**Row 4:** Neesath Shah, Andre Aung, Jennifer Janssen, Luke Harbers, Annie Nord, Alex Scharf, Jake Todino, Anna Vaughn, Kristina Cooper, Anna DeGraaf  
**Row 5:** Karthik Patil, Olivia Castillo, Maggie Bee, Candice Cuppini, Kyle Graden, Emily Hovren, Ian Standard  
**Row 6:** Ellen Clay, Caroline Lartz, Aaron Tuttle, Morgan Sondgeroth, Sadie Skibo, Natalie Bowman, Kelsey Emmert, Anna Weis, Kelsey Stiles

## Sign Language Club



**Row 1:** Keith Graden, Jeff McKinzie, Sierra Anders, Ashlee Hospelhorn  
**Row 2:** Jordan Bond, Alison Clegg, Becky Smith

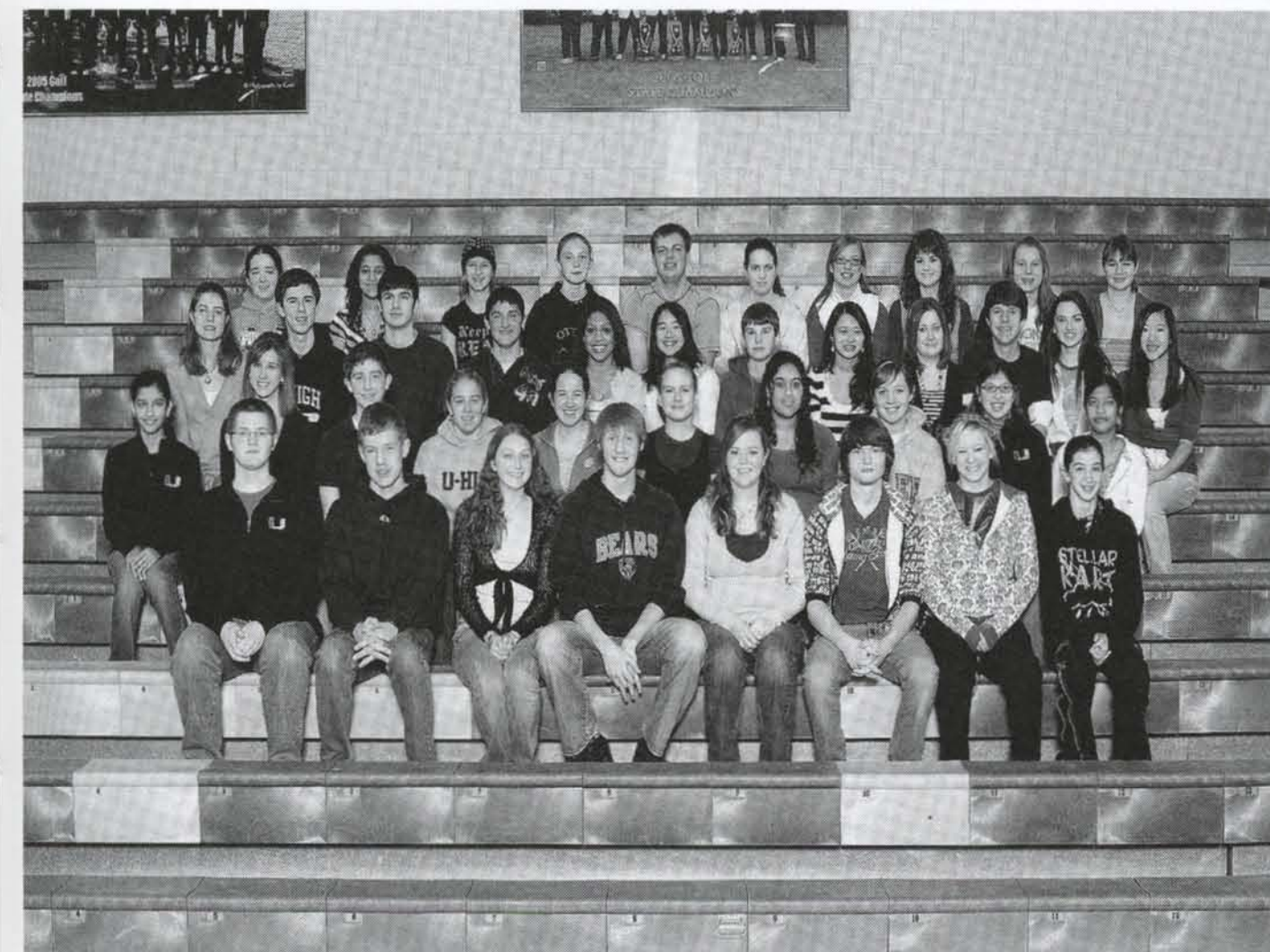
## Speech Team



**Row 1:** Sarah Capodice, Michael Quarton, Leigh Huff, Kelsey Larson, Tess Losada, Danie Reece  
**Row 2:** Ellen Clay, Christina Parlette, Mark Adams, Jessi Nguyen, John Cooper, Hayley Harroun, Maggie Blaney  
**Row 3:** Jim Krajewski, Zach McGowan, Hannah Krajewski, Maggie Irvin, Katie Klotzbach, Chelsey Coombs, Paige Blankenship  
**Row 4:** Andi Schweers, Bobby Bobbitt, Laura Smith, Alexander Zaitzeff

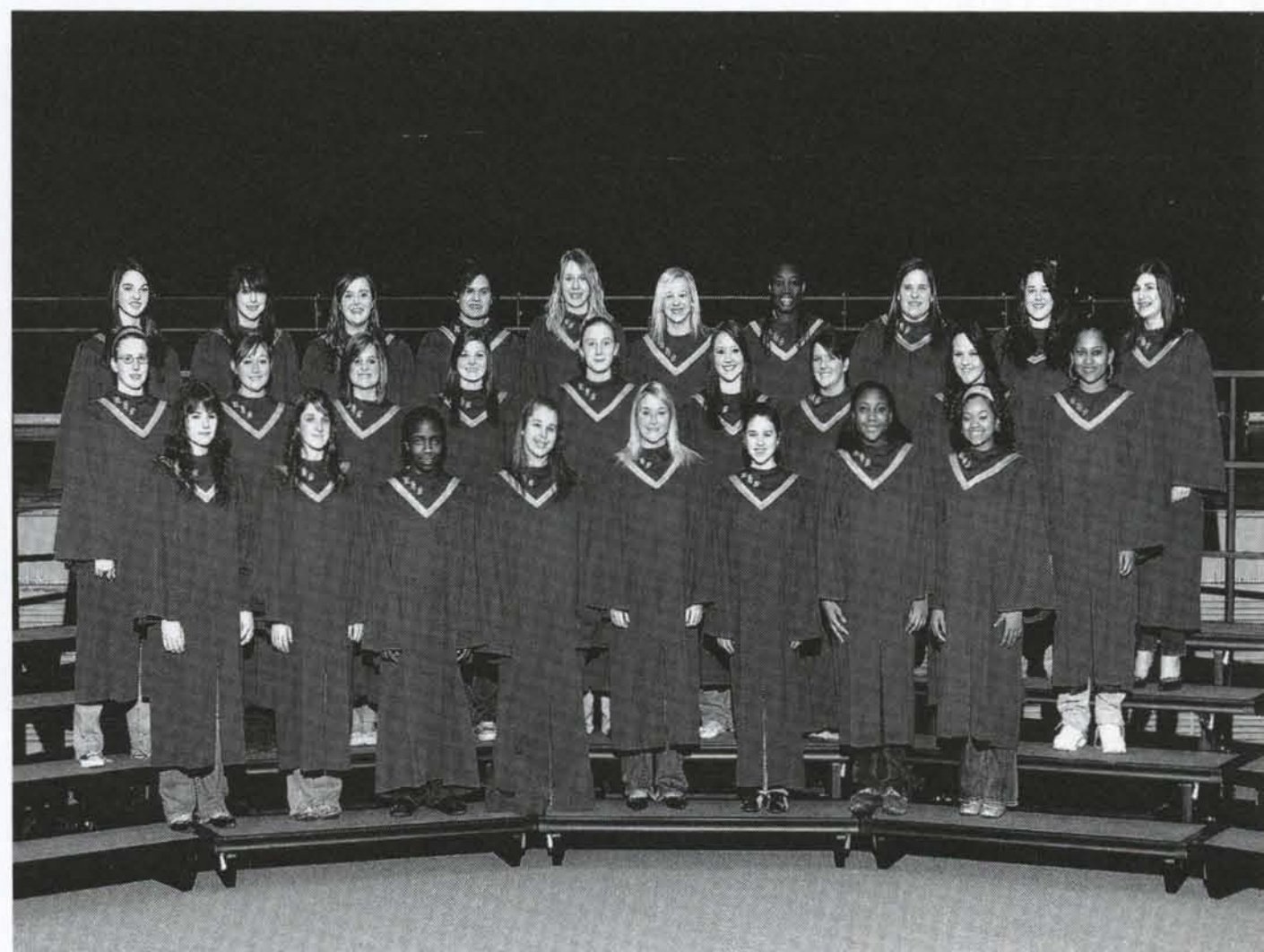


# Thespians



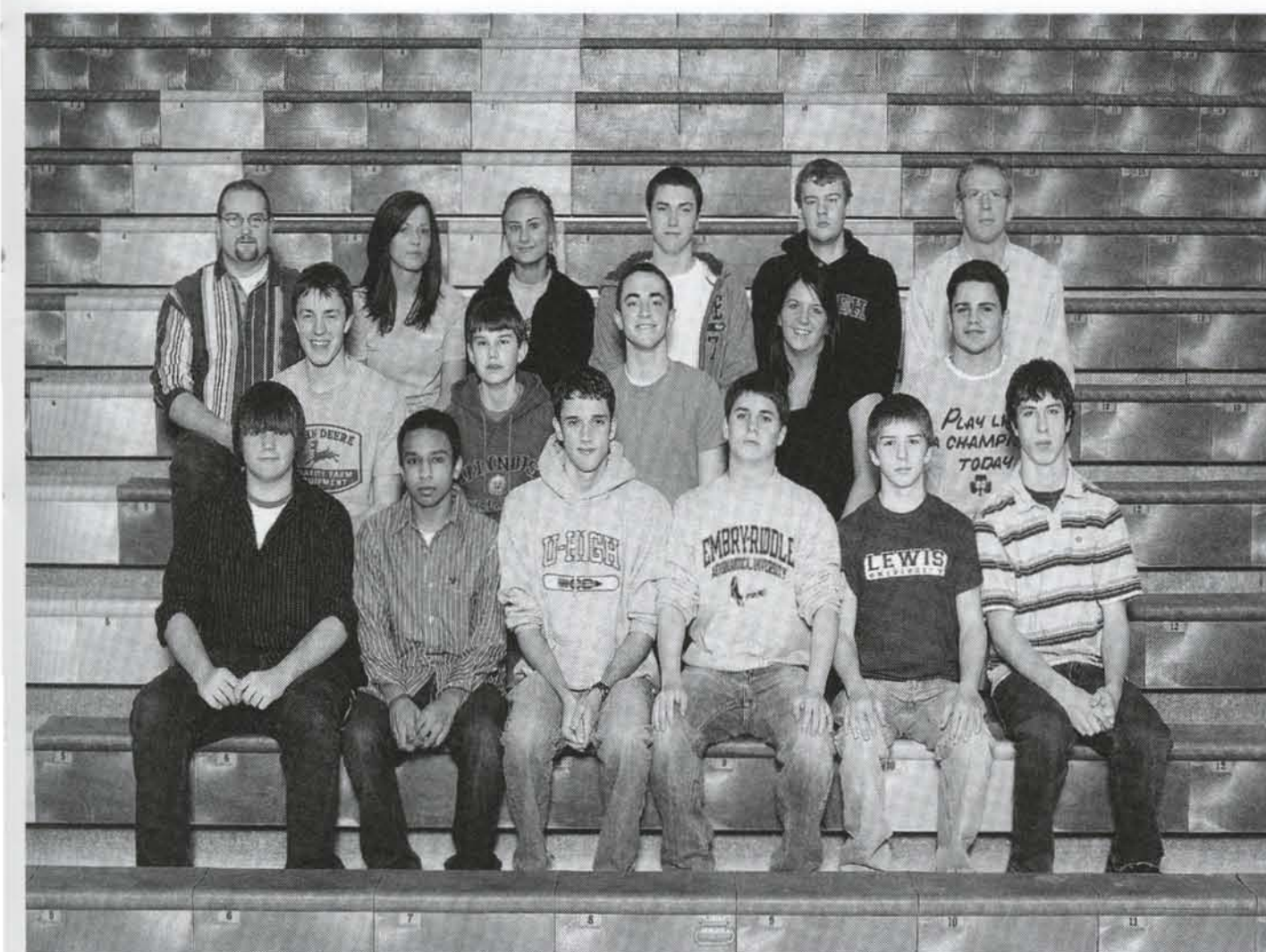
**Row 1:** David Cooper, Tom Guttschow, Jessie Swiech, John Cooper, Becky Smith, Leigh Huff, Grace Irvin, Tara Crampton **Row 2:** Elora Karim, Rachel Solava, Brent Miller, Allison Vaughn, Maggie Irvin, Lynn Burkhead, Hana Ayele, Kari Fowler, Emily Showers, Ila Sruti **Row 3:** Deanna Miller, Nick Geyer, Michael Quarton, Dan Grieco, Lauren Brooks, Jessi Nguyen, Nick Quarton, Kasey, Le, Laura Smith, Bobby Bobbit, Michelle Mercier, Christine Do **Row 4:** Katie Newport, Marta Ayele, Catelyn Shaw, Shannon Bogue, Kenny Lane, Paige Blankenship, Kari Lane, Emma Blyth, Andi Schweers, Kelsey Maffett

# Treble Choir



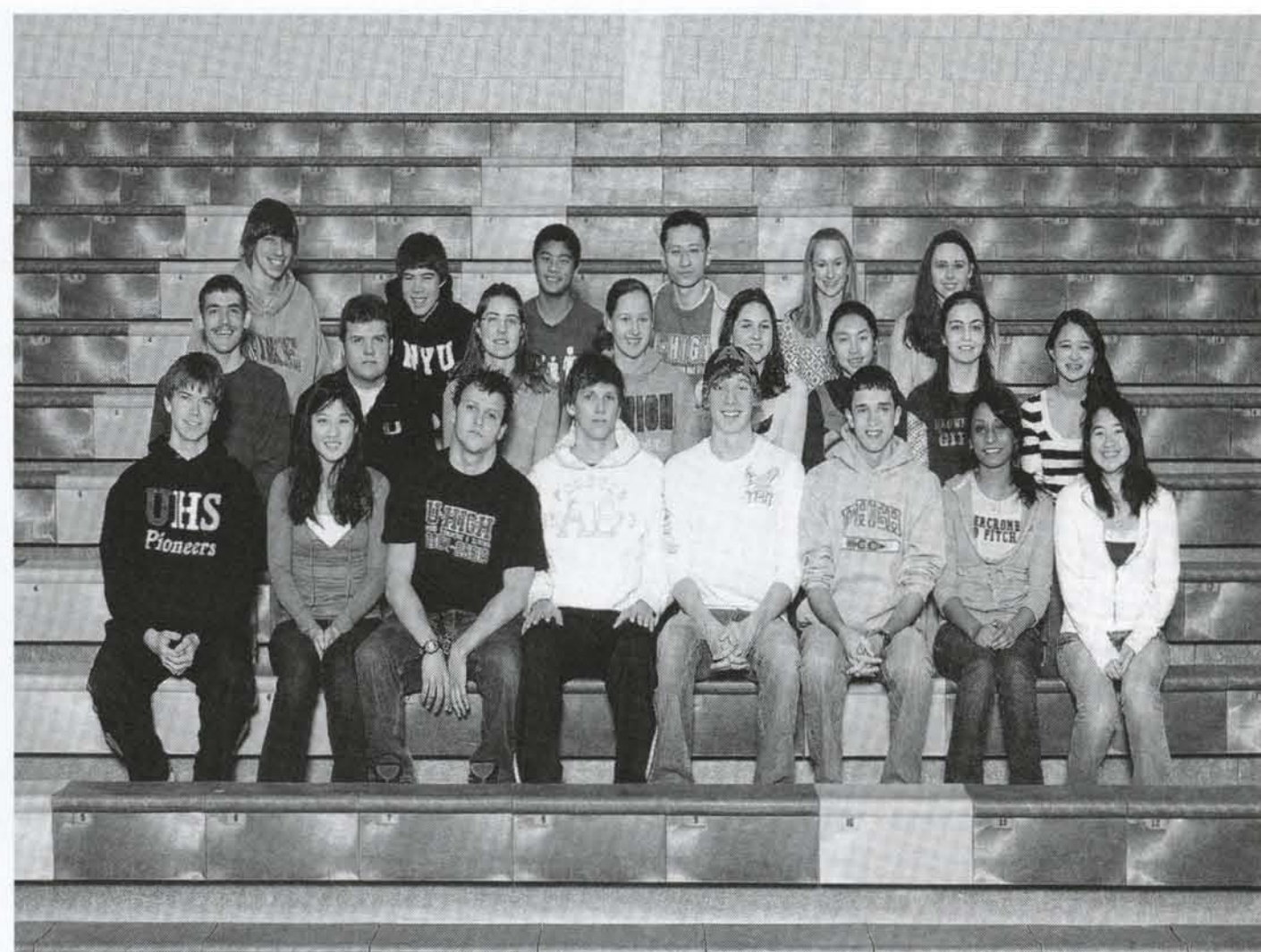
**Row 1:** Emma Blyth, Elizabeth Lindenmeier, Wivine Ngongo, Rachel Shepard, Courtney Allen, Kelsey Larson, Marissa Barnes, Khadijah Muhammad **Row 2:** Merryl Clemons, Emily Allen, Katie Zimmerman, Rosie Phipps, Shannon Bogue, Alexis Bustle, Renée Demont, Sarah Heimerdinger, Jasmine Safford **Row 3:** Michelle Mercier, Liz Clapper, Becky Smith, Amanda Reht-meyer, Christine Jolly, Grace Irvin, Jasmine Gibbs, Kristen Satchwell, Casie Golliday, Chelsea Gray

# TSA



**Row 1:** Peter Siegfried, Karthik Patil, Josiah Husk, James Scaglia, Patrick King, Cullen Kennel **Row 2:** Delayne Durdle, Nick Quarton, Ben Kilborn, Renee Demont, Will Brucker **Row 3:** Brad Dearing, Jordan Schumacher, Molly Kaisner, EJ Schiller, Ryan Ehredt, Cory Culbertson

# WYSE



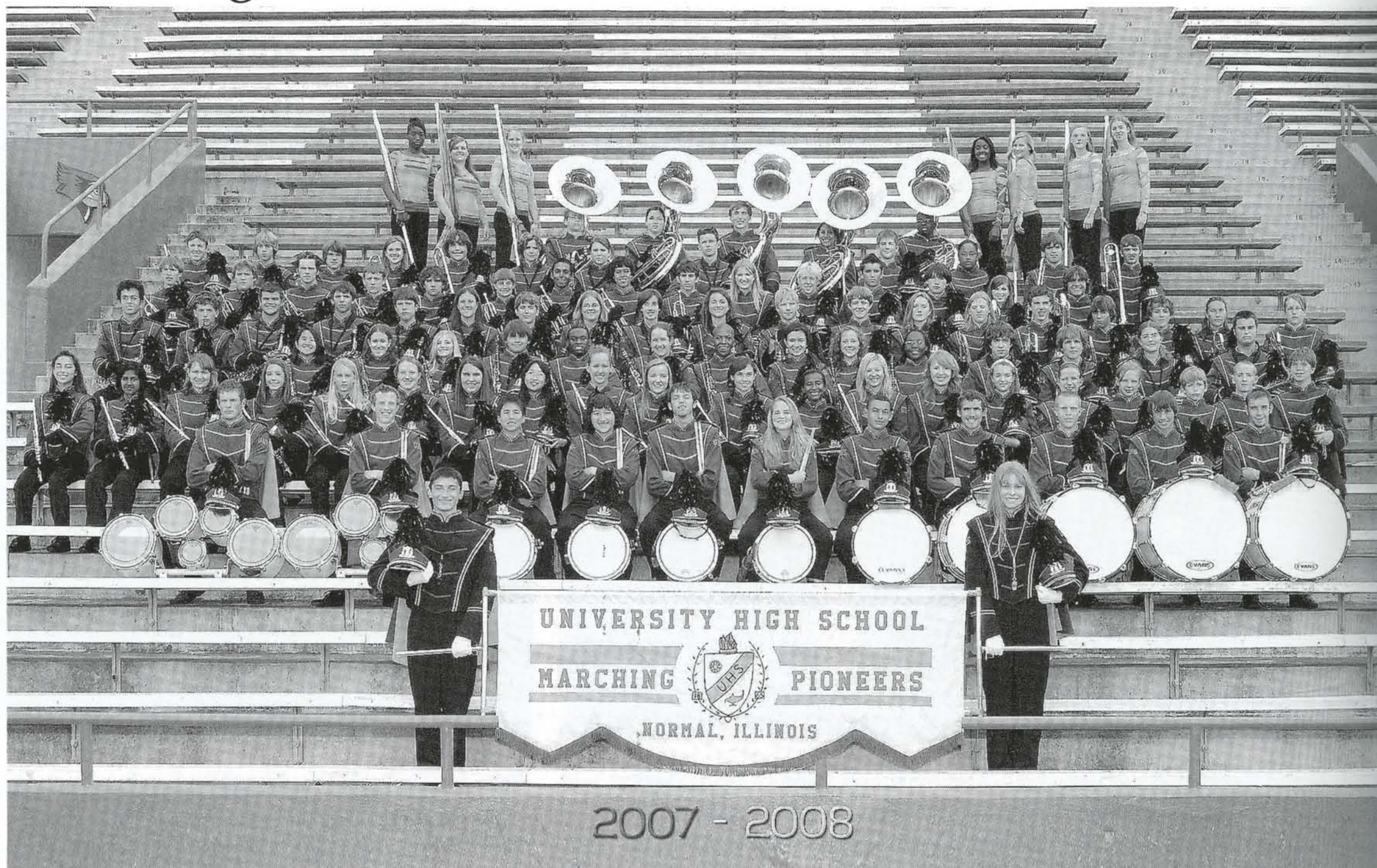
**Row 1:** Alexander Zaitzeff, Cheryl Liang, Anthony Duran, Michael Fritz, Nick Houska, Josiah Husk, Madhuri Paravastu, Jessi Nguyen **Row 2:** Willy McHiw, Taylor Olson, Deanna Miller, Liz Risius, Ashlee Sang, Wen Yang, Carolyn Ayers, Kasey Le **Row 3:** Sebastian Grobe, Sean Comerford, Andre Aung, Weikang Sun, Maria Endsley, Rebekah Vaughan



# Marching Band

**Row 1:** Dan Grieco, Hannah Lebovitz **Row 2:** Scott Blair, Adam Larson, Brian Tanaka, Ian Ostaszewski, Quinn Wilson, Alex Scharf, Brooks Woolfolk, Will McHie, Connor Sampson, Preston Harris, Ryan Lehner **Row 3:** Tess Losada, Gowtami Rajendran, Andi Schweers, Kelsey Stiles, Tegan Hunter, Candis Laesch, Jenny Morrow, Xixi Tian, Elizabeth Risius, Kristina Cooper, Kathryn Hill, Jessica Gardner, Grace Irvin, Kay Schutte, Taylor Kingston, Rachel Dearing, Emily Waltner, Ben Henderson, Lucas Mays, Alexander Zaitzeff **Row 4:** Jessi Nguyen, Hannah Griffin, Sienna Reuter, Peter Siegfried, Wesley Holloway, Maggie Irvin, Jeremy Davis, Melissa Seeborg, Maggie Blaney, Taihla Eddins, Brandon Diekhoff, Kyle Yarbrough, Deanna Miller, Jared Cook **Row 5:** Adam Hale-Mariam, Sam Muetting, Ethan Bury, Mitch Januzik, Bobby Bobbitt, Miriam Ball, Mitchell Houska, Melanie Goebel, Marissa Diekhoff, Amanda Lawler, Kegan Saajasto, Alex Goebel, Kambria Vance,

Kristin Weaver, Nick Geyer, Alex Parlette, Blake Reno, Emily Donnan, Kelsey Maffett **Row 6:** Andy Olson, Nat Murphy, Nick Hutchins, Jonathan Ray, Zach Burlingame, Josh Ayers, Kieran Pereira, Taiyo Wilson, Tim Nash, Jenny Crow, Wil Ward, Michael Fritz, Ray St. John, Kelsey Larson, Jake Thacker **Row 7:** Delayne Durdle, Blair Smid, Gerrit Hatcher, Abbey Hoekstra, Logan Maughan, Meredith Maughan, Chelsea Bakaitis, Vinny Melchiorri, Aaron Tuttle, Cymone Wilder, Steven Kiel, Ian Walling **Row 8:** Jasmine Gibs, Samantha Bryden, Rylee Russell, John Williamson, Annie Downey, Paul Beckman, Lauren Brooks, Ryan Davis, Joya Davis, Allyssa Kennel, Shannon Bogue, Elizabeth Ray



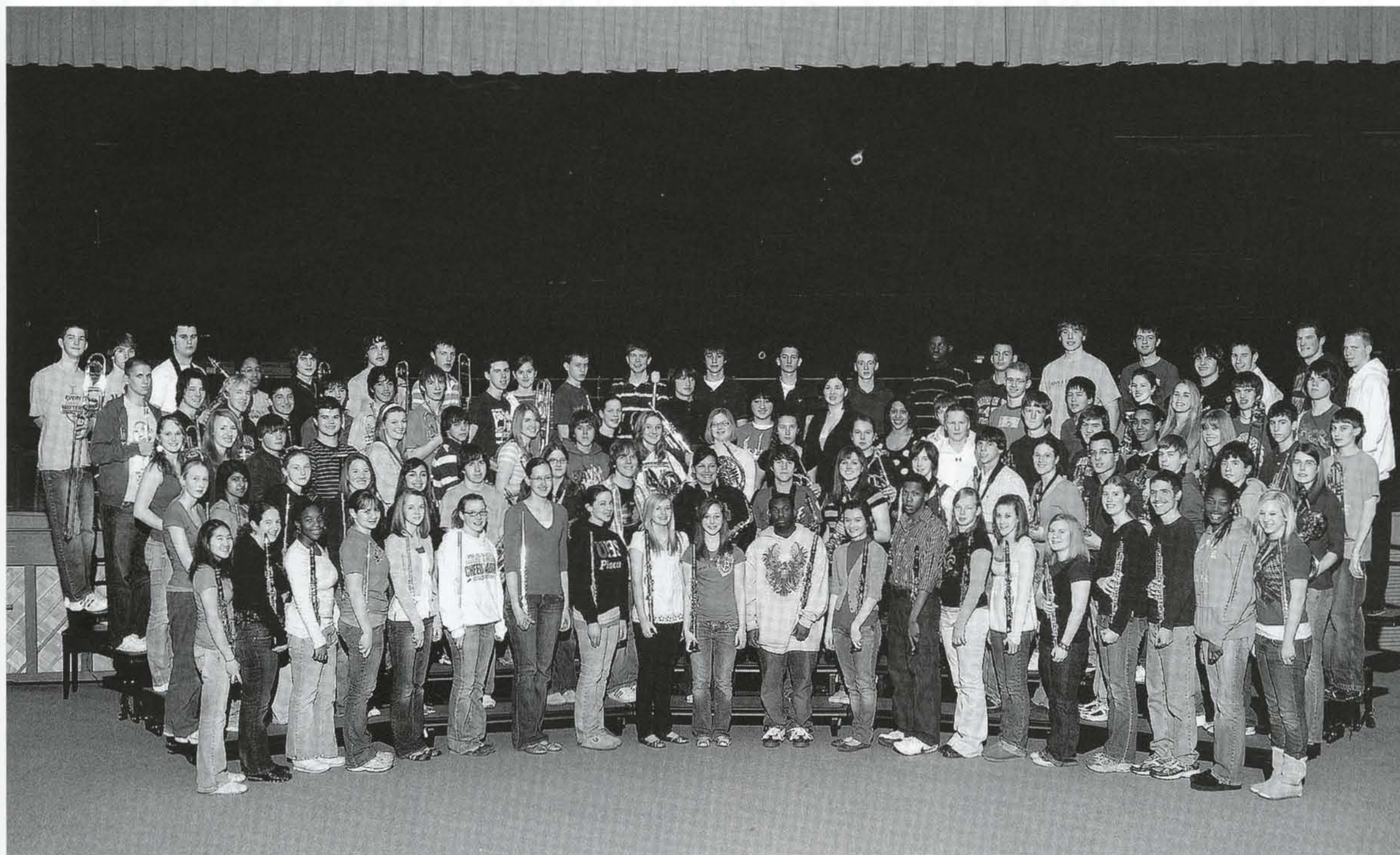
# Orchestra

**Row 1:** Ji-Eun Park, Janelle Galloway, Alia Khan, Saloni Mishra, Christine Do, Ila Sruti, Stephen Chow, Jennifer Wilt, Jake Oakley **Row 2:** Mounika Paravastu, Elora Karim, Claire Brownstone, Jack Mecherle, Anthony Duran **Row 3:** Trace Peifer, Madhuri Paravastu, Emma Blyth, Carolyn Ayers, Drew Potter, Emily France **Row 4:** Mikhayla Price-Hutcherson, Aleesa Brooks, Stephanie Carlson, Ellen Clay, Pete Garrett





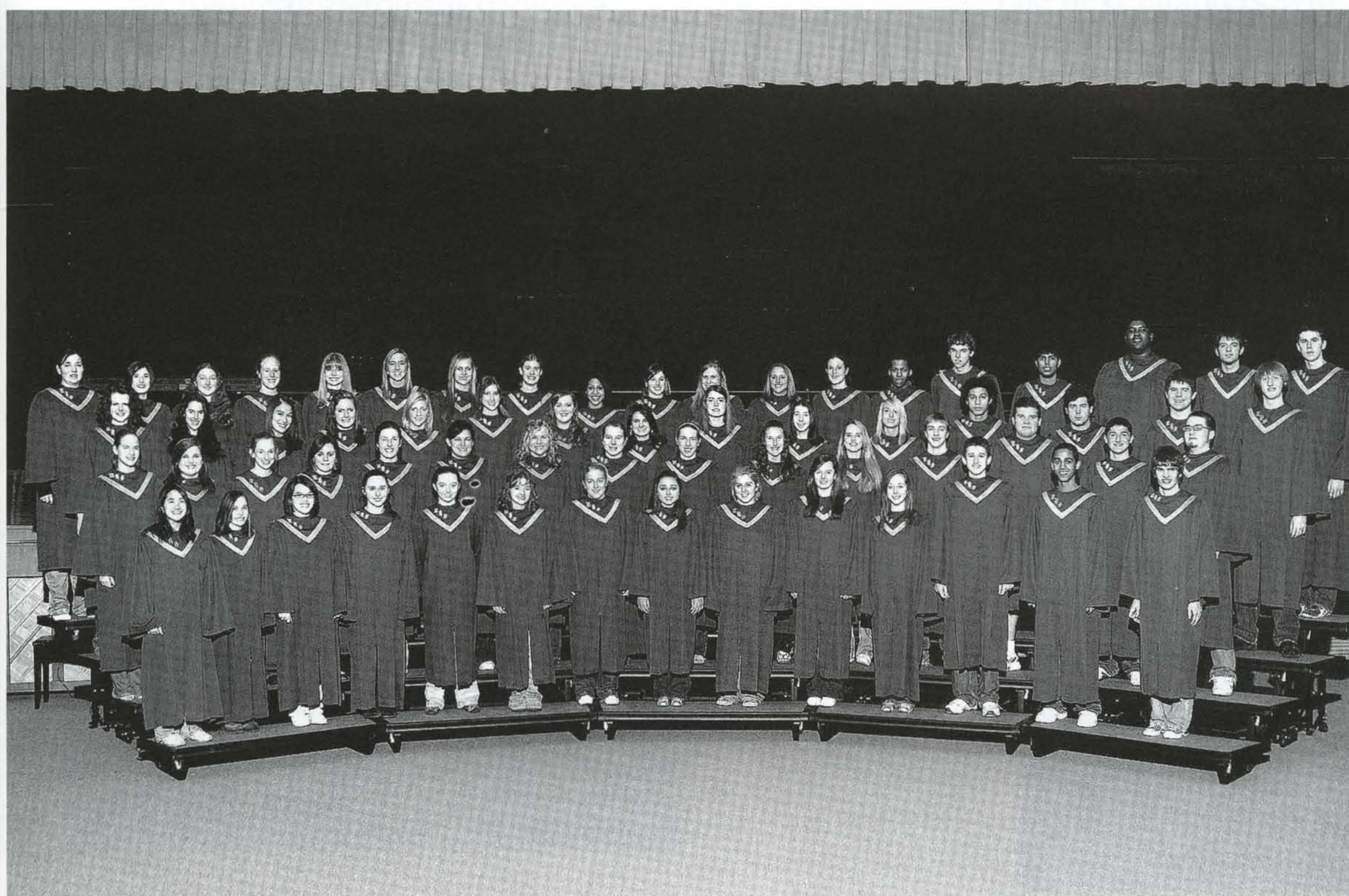
# Concert Band



**Row 1:** Jessi Nguyen, Maggie Irvin, Taihla Eddins, Andrea Schweers, Taylor Kingston, Kristina Cooper, Elizabeth Risius, Kathryn Hill, Sienna Reuter, Maggie Blaney, Wesley Holloway, Melissa Seeborg, Jeremy Davis, Emily Waltner, Hannah Griffin, Lynn Burkhead, Elizabeth Ray, Willy McHie, Jasmine Gibbs, Grave Irvin **Row 2:** Tegan Hunter, Gowtami Rajendran, Shannon Bogue, Candis Laesch, Tess Losada, Brandon Diekhoff, Melanie Goebel, Kyle Yarbrough, Rachel Vazquez, Bobby Bobbitt, Amanda Lawler, Marissa Diekhoff, Mitchell Januzik, Miriam Ball, Adam Haile-Mariam, Mitchell Houska, Sam Mueting, Deanna Miller **Row 3:** Rylee Russell,

Kay Schutte, Peter Siegfried, Ethan Bury, Candice Cuppini, Alex Parlette, Jenny Crow, Blake Reno, Kambria Vance, Kristin Weaver, Emily Donnan, Kelsey Maffett, Kegan Saajasto, Alex Goebel, Nat Murphy, Kieran Pereira, Hannah Lebovitz, Tim Nash, Josh Ayers **Row 4:** Michael Fritz, Nick Hutchins, Wil Ward, Dan Greico, Zach Burlingame, Taiyo Wilson, Kyle Puckett, Nick Geyer, Rachel Dearing, Ray St. John, Ian Ostaszewski, Annie Downey, Lauren Brooks, Ben Henderson, Jonathan Williamson, Brian Tanaka, Kelsey Larson, Alex Scharf, Ian Walling, Steven Kiel **Row 5:** Aaron Tuttle, Blair Smith, Jared Cook, Cymone Wilder, Gerrit Hatcher, Logan Maughan, Delayne Durdle, Abby Hoekstra, Jonathan Ray, Alexander Zaitzeff, Preston Harris, James Clay, Lucas Mays, Ryan Davis, Brooks Woolfolk, Paul Beckman, Quinn Wilson, Jacob Thacker, Ryan Lehner, Scott Blair, Connor Sampson

# Concert Choir



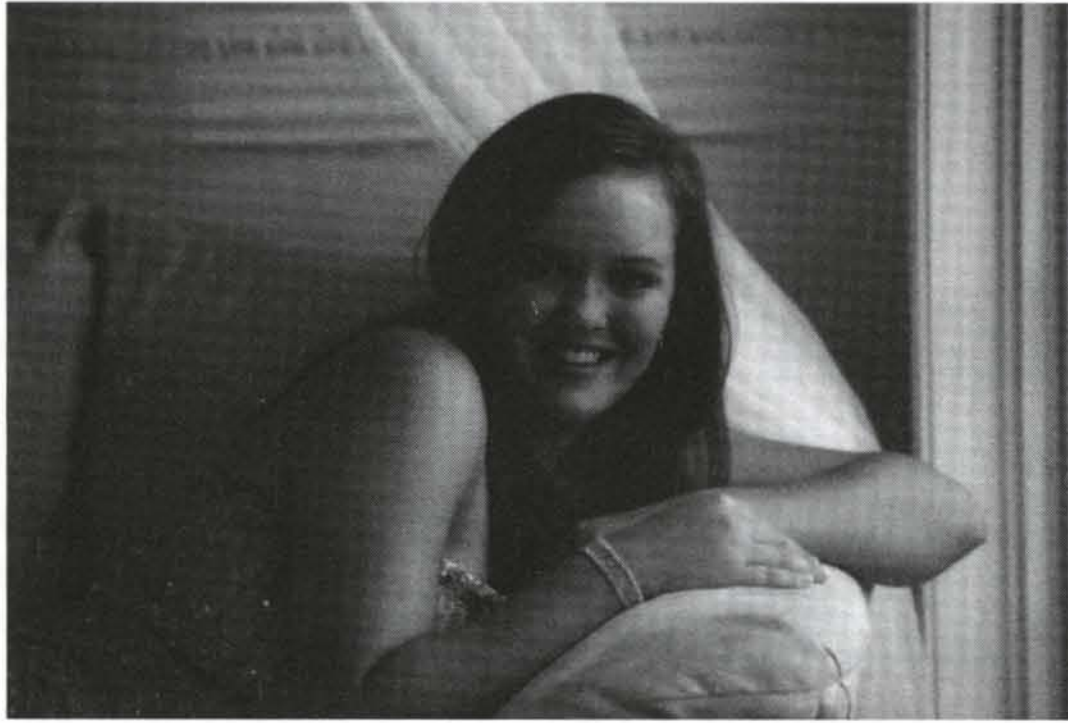
**Row 1:** Jessi Nguyen, Haley Stuckey, Angie Ostaszewski, Rebekah Vaughn, Ryanne Gorsuch, Sarah Capodice, Allison Vaughn, Christina Parlette, Anna Vaughn, Sadie Skibo, Maggie Blaney, Grant Miller, Kieran Pereira, Ian Walling **Row 2:** Catelyn Shaw, Samantha Bryden, Maria Endsley, Caroline Lartz, Katie Erdman, Rachel Vazquez, Claire Wazienski, Kelsey Maffett, Sara Idleman, Emily Donnan, Alex Scharf, Ky Bailey, Taylor Olson, Dan Grieco, Kevin Rotsch **Row 3:** Kaitlyn Nibbelin, Jenny Koth, Mika Tanaka, Erin Sage, Anna Doran, Rachel Solava, Becky Smith, Ellen Clay, Deanna Miller, Janelle Weddle, Liz Massey, Stefan Brooks, Alex Kraft, Matt Skibo, John Cooper **Row 4:** Annie Downey, Chelsey Coombs, Jessie Swiech, Emily Stevens, Hannah Lebovitz, Kelly Harrell, Annie Nord, Elizabeth Ray, Lauren Brooks, Sara McCullough, Anna DeGraaf, Hillary Giesel, Miriam Ball, Jeremy Davis, Ryan Woodall, Neesh Shah, Max Chambers, Quinn Wilson, Nick Geyer



## BECKY SMITH

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Becky,  
We love you and are so proud  
of you!  
Love, Mom and Stewart,  
Dad and Terri,  
and Brooke



## JENNA FLOYD

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Jenna,  
God created you knowing  
how much this world would  
need  
your kindness and sincerity,  
your free spirit,  
your beautiful heart.  
When in doubt, look up!  
Much love,  
Mom, Dad, and Jill



## TIMOTHY NASH

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We are very proud of you  
Timo.  
Good luck at MIZZOU  
Love always,  
Mom, Dad, and Robby



## CLAIRE MCKINNEY WAZIENSKI

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Congratulations Claire!  
Our hopes are  
for you to be happy,  
be healthy.  
and try to make a difference in  
this world.  
And, as you open new chapters  
in your life,  
always know that you are  
loved.  
Love,  
Mom and Papa

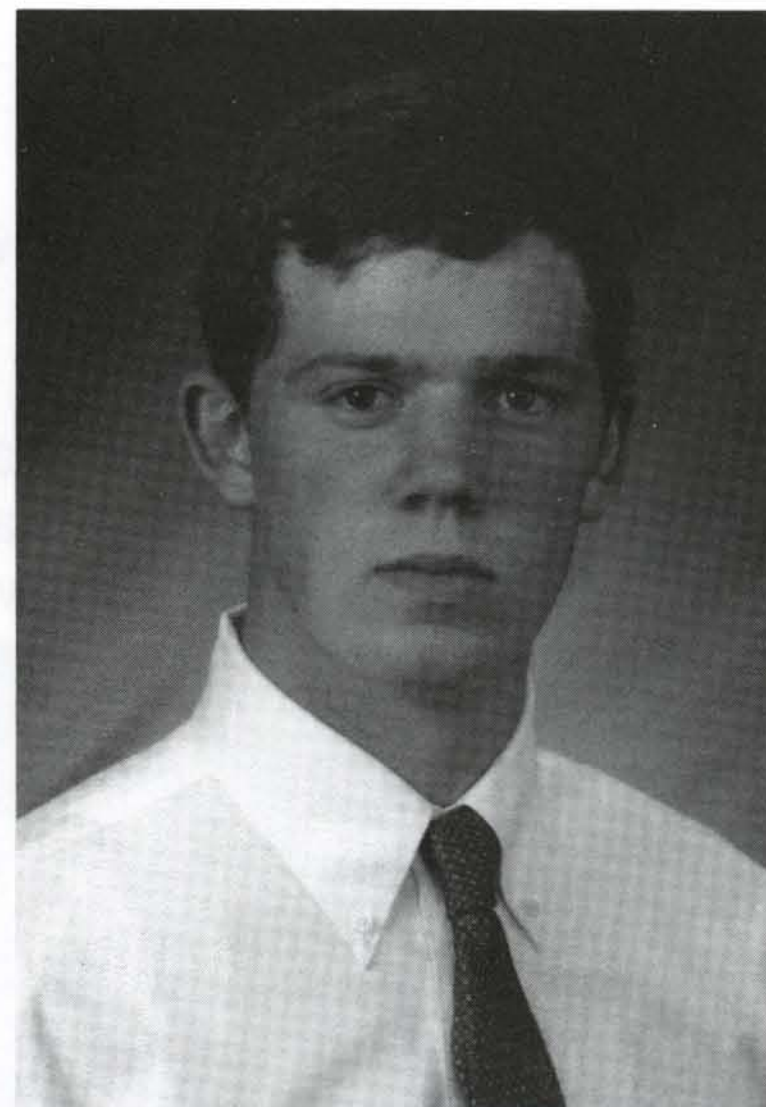




# CHRIS CRIDER



Never  
Stop  
Giving  
110%



## HALEY STUCKEY

As you leap into the world  
Relax, look all around you  
Be humble, be kind to yourself  
and others  
AND -  
Enjoy the journey -  
for it is all yours  
All our love,  
Mom and Dad



## LIZ MASSEY

Congratulations!  
This chapter of your life  
has been fantastic.  
The next chapters will be full of  
new and exciting adventures.  
Enjoy life, work hard, love  
others and keep Jesus in your  
heart.  
Forever our love,  
Mom and Steve





# KAITLYN WAMPLER



Kaitlyn -  
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments.  
You are a beautiful, kind, compassionate, and caring young lady. It has been such a joy to guide and watch you grow into the truly amazing person you have become. We wish you much love and happiness and may your future be as bright as your past has been.  
All our love,  
Mom, Dad, and Jenna



# SARAH CAPODICE



Success  
To laugh often and much;  
to win the respect of intelligent people  
and the affection of children;  
to earn the appreciation of honest critics  
and endure the betrayal of false friends;  
to appreciate beauty; to find the best in  
others;  
to leave the world a little better,  
whether by a healthy child,  
a garden patch,  
or a redeemable social condition;  
to know even one life has breathed  
easier  
because you have lived.  
This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

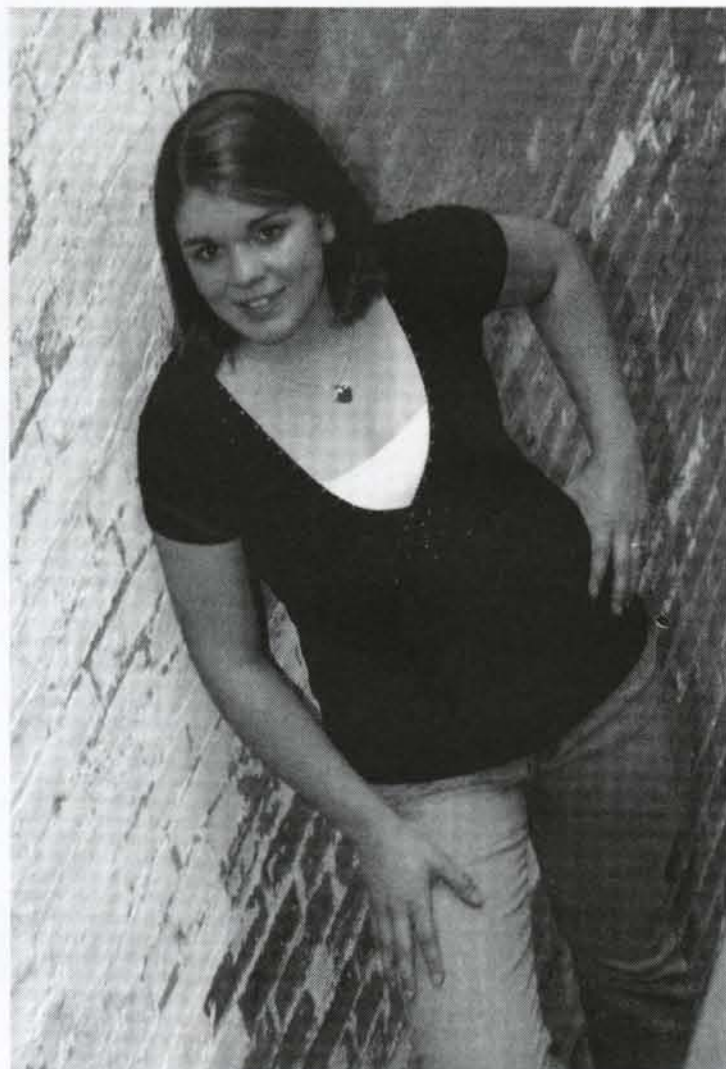




# ALYSSA HUMPHREYS

Our wish for you:  
continue to show initiative, dream  
big, exercise patience, be a leader,  
save for the future, laugh often,  
maintain close friendships, have  
compassion for others, and above  
all, don't stop being the Babeuh  
we love.

Your loving family



# HILLARY GIESEL

Congratulations Hillary!

We are so  
proud of you.

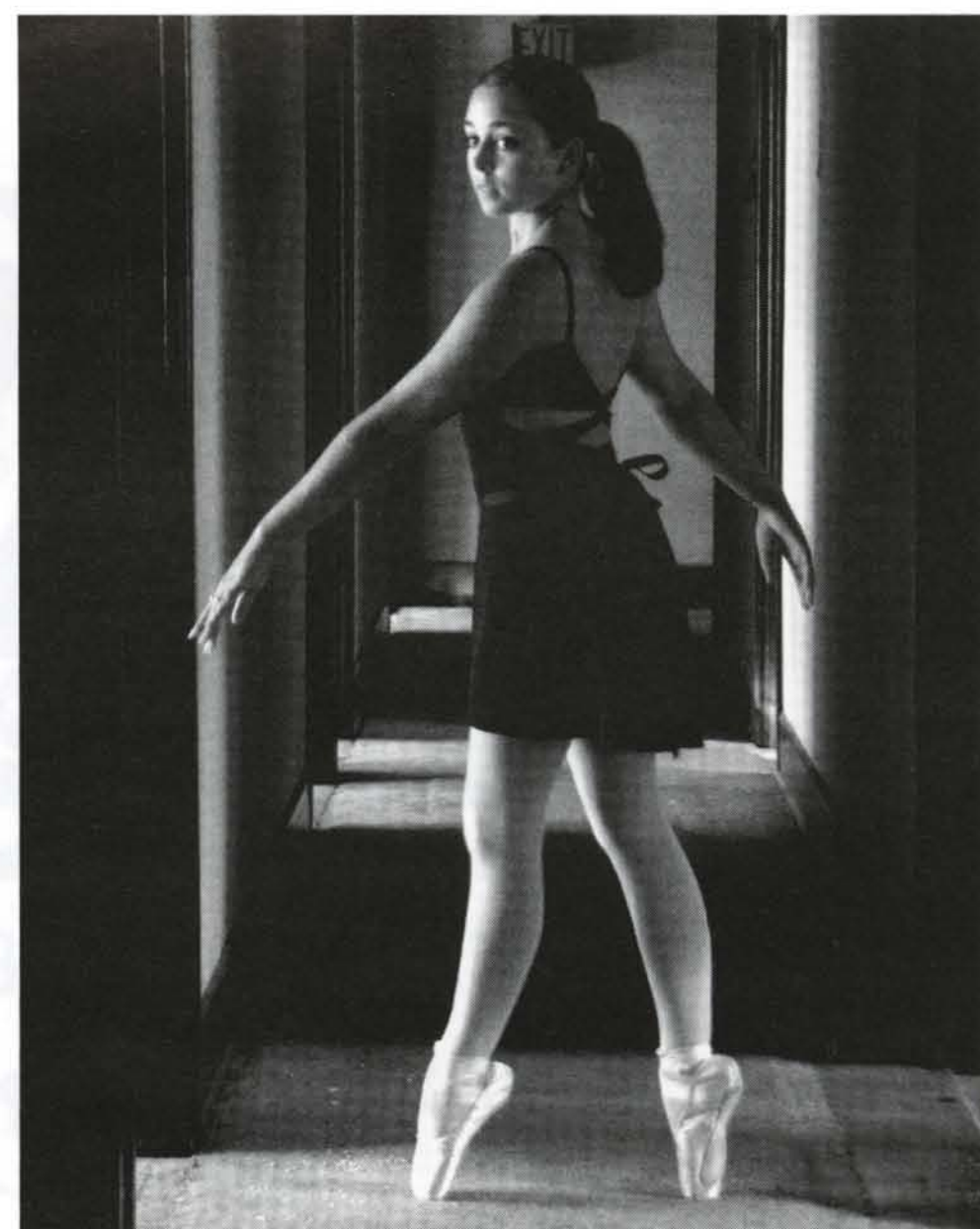
Love,  
Mom, Dad, and  
Katie.



# CHRISTINA PARLETTE

Our Tiny Dancer  
Petite and graceful,  
yet strong and determined  
Kind and caring,  
beautiful inside and out  
We've watched you dance  
since the age of three,  
Each year more lovely than  
the one before  
We're so proud of the  
young woman you've become,  
Your future is bright  
and full of promise  
You have been such a joy,  
may all your dreams come true

Love always,  
Mom and Dad





## SAMANTHA BRYDEN

Samantha,  
We are so proud of all your  
accomplishments!

We love you  
very much!  
Good luck at  
University of Illinois  
next year!

Love,  
Mom and Dad.



## LINDSEY BUTORAC

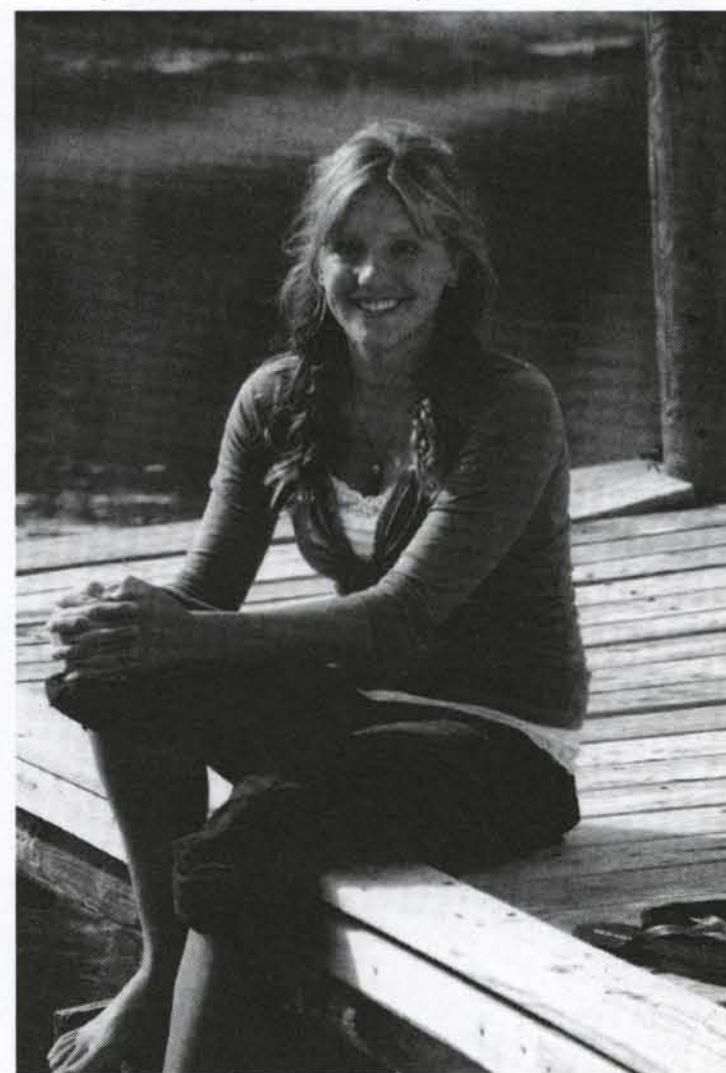
Life's a journey, not a destination.

- Aerosmith

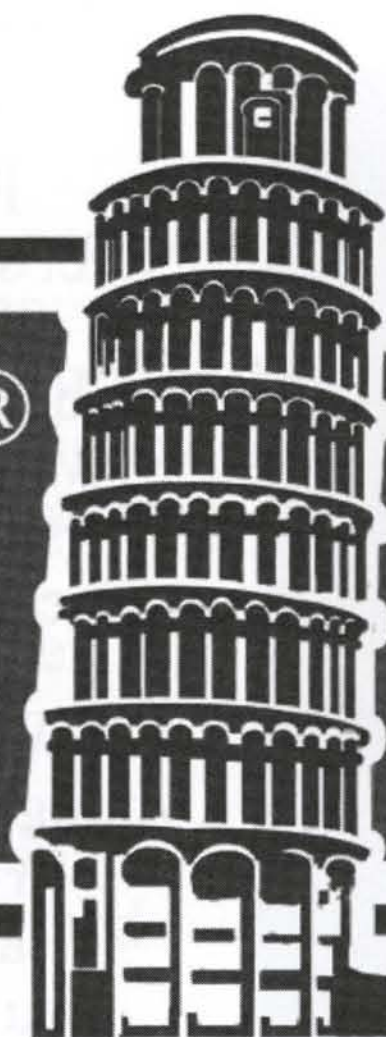
Linz,

We know you'll accomplish any  
goal you set your sights on. Just  
remember to keep laughing (but  
not so loud!), have fun, and enjoy  
the journey!

We love you lots!  
Mom, Dad, Kara, and Austin.



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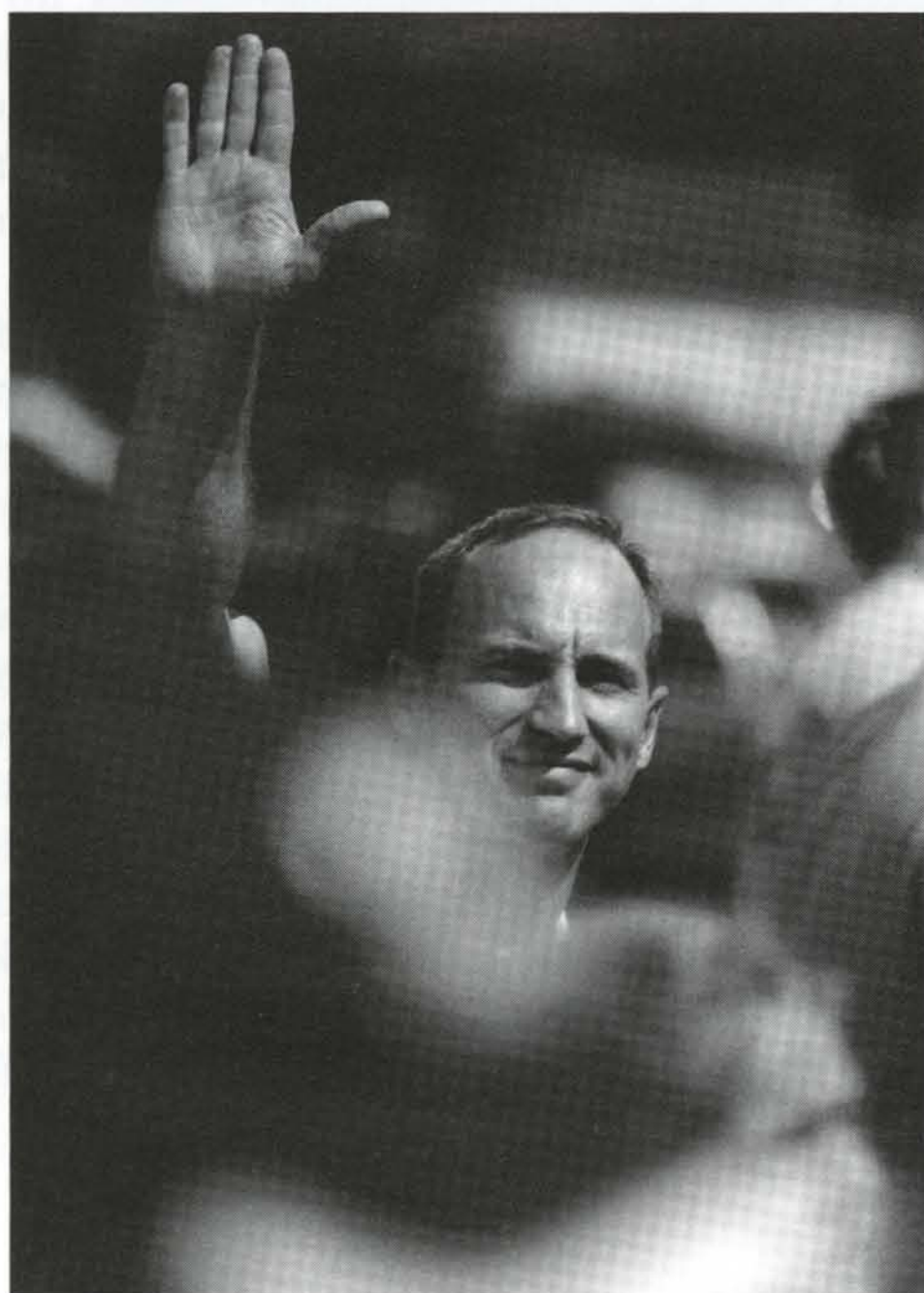
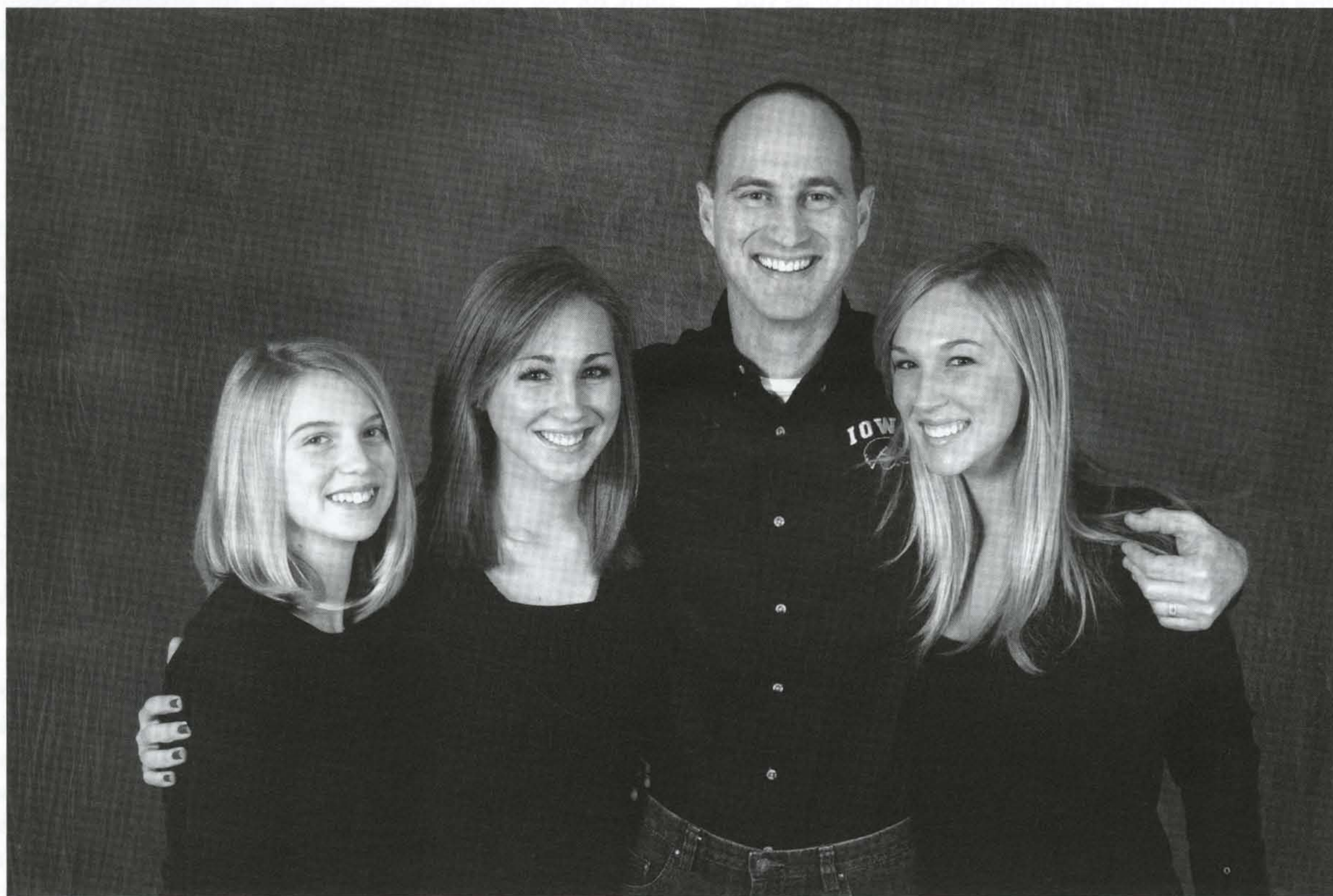
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# IN LOVING MEMORY OF DIRK SMID

December 2, 1961 - May 14, 2008



A beloved teacher,  
coach, and father,  
Dirk Smid impacted  
the entire U-High  
community during  
his 18 years here.  
He will be sorely  
missed.



# Colophon: Refreshed

By: Alex Kraft

Iowa is probably the last thing you thought of as you read through this book, but for my staff and me it was our unconventional beginning. One warm summer afternoon four dedicated U-High students crammed into Donna Zawatski's mini-van to travel to The University of Iowa for an intense week long yearbook camp. This camp was different from the very beginning because our advisor, Mr. Brian Conant, did not attend with us. Due to his absence, we were on our own to figure out a theme, interesting layouts, and organization

methods to make sure this book came out on time. We learned so much the week we spent in Iowa but perhaps the most important thing we discovered was we weren't just four random people, we were friends. We were close enough friends to enjoy a week at yearbook camp...in

Iowa. All through the endless series of inside jokes, deadlines and the fear of making "the worst book ever" kept the entire staff mindful of the real reason we came to Iowa. Classes were extreme and sometimes we didn't think we would make any progress before camp was over, but with the help of our yearbook gurus, Betty and 'Lydia,' we stumbled upon our theme: Refresh.

The idea that our school was refreshing right before our eyes was something I felt would translate nicely to a yearbook. As I watched the classrooms transform around U-High I was inspired to refresh the Clarion with new page layouts and return to publishing a full book instead of having a supplemented issue. Even though we were in Iowa, at yearbook camp, we grew closer to each other and making our aspirations for the 2008 Clarion a reality.

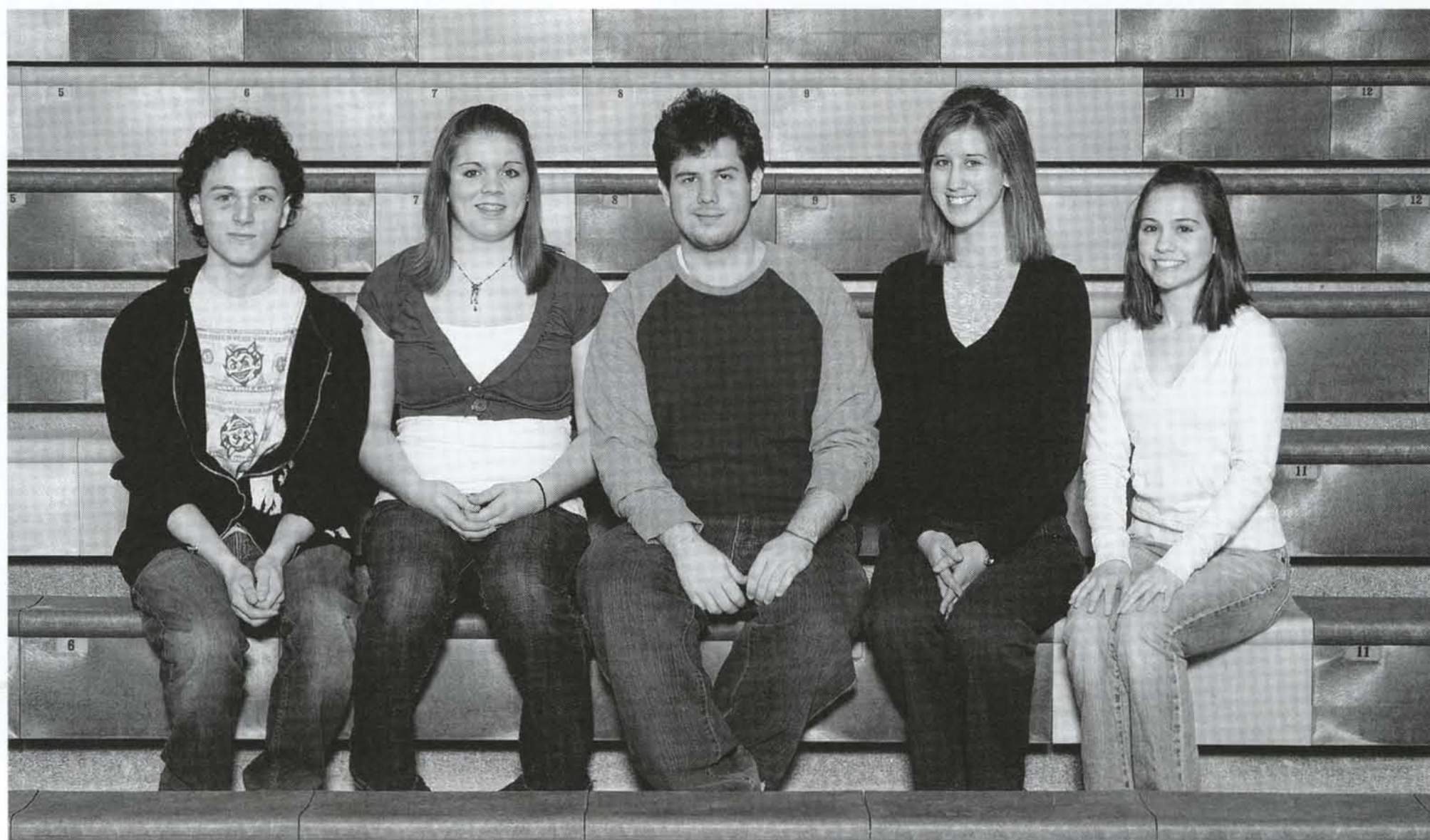
So we got back to school and began finishing last year's book. A month passed and we had not started any-

thing for our book. Panic stricken by the pressure of deadlines, we began designing pages in an attempt to get back on schedule. We worked endlessly through first semester to get back on track and with the help of great writers like Sara Idleman, Jenna Floyd, and Chelsea Bakaitis we were able to finish all of the fall and most of the winter sections by the end of Holiday break.

Perhaps the most striking part of this book is the professional quality pictures found in it. After looking over what we accomplished first semester, I was overcome by the power of the

photos our photo editor Matt Shrier took and edited. They are beautifully captured and make this book truly amazing.

After the holidays, I went through a lot of changes both in my personal life and in the way I wanted to finish the book. I will never truly be able to adequately thank my assistant editors Rachel



Solava, Alyssa Humphreys, and Haley Stuckey for keeping me sane during the months that followed the Holiday break. I could not have finished this book, let alone the school year, without their help and support.

I would also like to thank our yearbook advisors Mr. Conant and Stacy Welter for all of their advice and help with putting this book together. I hope my staff and I have left you with good memories and a book that you are proud to say you helped us along the way.

To publish the 2008 Clarion we used Adobe Indesign and Photoshop. Our fonts were Charlemagne Std., AYT Palladio, and AYT Garamond Nova. All index pictures were taken by Kent Simpson for Photography by Kent. Special thanks to Mike Budak our Jostens representative, Sue Reeser for supplying sports stats, and Stacy Welter for helping name check and proofing pages. The help that I received to make this book a reality is the most precious gift I have been given in my entire high school career and I can leave U-High feeling completely Refreshed.















